



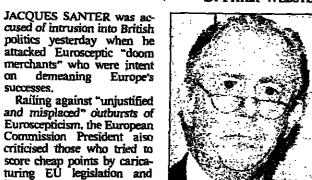
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Eurosceptics attacked as 'doom merchants'

# Santer accused of interfering in the election

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce



Santer: text trimmed

understood also to have contained a strong criticism of the Kohl-Blair advertisement, but he left it out at the last moment in the interests of diplomacy. He need hardly have bothered. Although he claimed that his speech to the Dutch. Association of European Journalists was aimed at sceptics everywhere, Mr Major was happy to accept that the Tories were the target. It is also understood, however, that Mr Santer has been irritated by Lahour, whose line and language has sometimes mat-ched Tory Eurosceptic

And last night Labour dis-

President Chirae has called

an election on May 25 and

June 1 in an attempt to win

solid backing for his Govern-

ment as it makes major

decisions on European int-

ELECTION 97 6 Labour is also

guilty of blurring the choices facing Britain 9

— Peter Riddell, page 14

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tanced itself from Mr Santer. while pointing out that he was appointed with the approval of Mr Major, who described him in 1994 as the right man in the right place at the right time. I have always regarded him as a healing force and not a divisive force."

Gordon Brown said: "Mr Santer should be in no doubt that a Labour government will make decisions based on British needs in the British interests under the strong leadership of Tony Blair."

Mr Major meanwhile rewrote a speech in York using the Santer address to mock Mr Blair. Highlighting Mr

egration, especially the switch to a single currency.

After announcing the date of the eletion, M Chirac tele-

phoned Chancellor Kohl of

Santer's remark that more majority voting would avoid countries getting trapped in a vicious circle of paralysis", Mr Major said: "I disagree. Unlike the Labour leader. I will retain our vetoes. If it is right for Britain I will keep my feet on the brakes. Mr Blair would go to Amsterdam and put his foot on the accelerator to a federal Europe."

The Prime Minister's aides said that he was relieved that Mr Santer had spoken out at such a crucial time. "It's given him a target with which he believes he can unite the whole party. None of us wants the sort of integration that Jacques Santer is proposing."

Malcolm Rifkind hammered home the message claiming that Mr Santer's vision was "disturbingly similar" to Mr Blair's, offering no end to the process of integration.

In his speech, Mr Santer said: "We have only option: to move on." Already, inflation rates and interest rates were low, budget deficits falling and growth prospects improving, with a convergence of national economic and budgetary policies never stronger. It was not a bad performance, he said.

"But it will not silence the prophets of doom. I did not know there were so many. What inspires all those who now speculate on delays, on the possibilities for changing or fudging the criteria and who discover ... all the so-called reasons why the single currency cannot and must not work?



Katy Parker practises for the international event and, left, the 4 ft 8 ins schoolgirl who began playing standing on a box

### England international is only 12



MAY Day will be a day of reckoning for more than just political parties: Katy Parker of Preston, Lancashire, will, at the age of 12 years and 144 days, become the youngest English athlete ever to play in

a world championships. Parker, daughter of the former European champion, Jill Hammersley and a pupil at Kirkham Grammar School, will partner Michael Chan, 13, in the mixed doubles at the world table tennis championships, which begins with the team event in Manchester on Thursday. At 52 st and 4 ft 8 ins, she will also be one of the smallest competitors. She

began playing table tennis at the age of six, standing on a box to see above the table, and won national championships at under-10, under-11 and under-12. "She's level headed and a

clever player," Carole Moore, chairman of the junior selection committee of the English Table Tennis Association, said. "I'm sure she will give a good account of herself." Parker's parents support

her selection for the champi-onships. Both are aware of the dangers of burn-out, which prompted the tennis prodigy. Jennifer Capriati, at 14 years and 90 days the youngest

£750,000

competitor in the modern era at the All England Championships, to drop out of the game

temporarily.
"A lot of kids who are pushed into playing, give up," Parker's mother said. "It's up to her how much she plays. I'm not worried that she will be frightened by the occasion. We've said to her: 'You're there for experience'."

Fu Ming Xia became the youngest official gold medallist in Olympic history when she won the 10-metre platform dive in Barcelona in 1992 at the age of 12.

Child prodigy, page 54

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### Labour tried to gag union chief

His remarks prompted in part by the

Conservative advertisement

showing Tony Blair sitting on

Helmut Kohl's knee - were

immediately interpreted by

Labour and the sceptics as

domestic interference. But

John Major seized on them as

evidence of the threat posed to

Britain by those seeking great-

er integration at the Amster-

In his speech, delivered in

English to an audience in

Amsterdam, Mr Santer chal-

lenged the sceptics: Those

who criticise, do they know

what they are talking about?

Do they have an equally

stimulating alternative? If so,

"Do these doom merchants want us to step backwards

towards a Europe only com-

posed of simple trading ar-

rangements? Even the countries which in the Fifties

wanted to go no further than a

European free trade associ-

ation have now virtually all

opted for the benefits of Euro-

Mr. Santer's original text is

pean Union membership -

and for good reason."

what is it?

dam summit in June.

Union leader John Edmonds told the Scottish TUC yesterday that he had been advised by the Labour hierarchy not

to attend the conference.

The leader of the General Municipal and Boilermakers Union told STUC members "It was suggested to me that I might plead some other enement, rather than come to Glasgow"..... Page 9

#### Thousands gain £1,400 windfall

Investors and borrowers with the Alliance & Leicester made around £1,400 a head yesterday when the former building society floated on the

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# blitz on London

Chirac calls early election

By Michael Evans and Mark Henderson

A HUGE intelligence and policing operation is under way to stop the IRA disrupting polling on May I. Measures already being taken were given a sense of urgency by the chaos the terror group caused in London and the South East during yesterday's morning rush-hour. Road, rail, Underground and air services were severely curtailed by security alerts - but no bombs were found.

A special co-ordinating committee with senior representatives from Scotland Yard. MI5, the Cabinet Office and other government departments is now working at full stretch to try to "predict, preempt and stop" any IRA action to prevent people voting. Security sources said that every measure "bar putting tanks on the streets" was under consideration.

Yesterday's disruption in the capital, with traffic gridlock, came after a series of coded telephone warnings. Four mainline London railway stations - Paddington, King's Cross, St Pancras and Charing Cross - were shut for several hours. Gatwick and Luton airports were closed for hours and Stansted airport briefly. Terminal Three at Heathrow was also affected. MI5's counter-Irish terror-

ism branch has been circulat-

ing the latest secret intelligence to Scotland Yard and other police forces in the country, ensuring that no one in authority is in any doubt about the seriousness of the present IRA threat. Security sources also issued a warning that, although the current campaign was focusing on causing chaos on roads and railways, there remained a strong possibility that the terrorists would switch tactics and attempt another "spectac-

The Home Office said that a law allowing for a second day of polling in the event of riot could be used to extend the election, but it will take legal advice. The Representation of the People Act 1983 gives a constituency's presiding of-ficer the power to order re-sumed polling the following day in the event of a "riot or open violence" at a polling station. There is no law to cover any terrorist disruption

ular" bomb attack.

at polling stations. MI5 and the police are trying not to give the impression that they have received intelligence of a specific IRA plot to disrupt polling. However, there is perceived to be sufficient "general" intelligence material to mount a special effort for May I.

Travel chaos, page 2

### Election day alert | Laurel and Hardy brought after IRA phone in to do battle for Labour

By OUR POLITICAL EDITOR

the political arena: one sticker at the museum reads "Maggie

Thatcher does the work of two

Today they are being used to reinforce Gordon Brown's

interpretation of Organis-

ation of Economic Coopera-

tion and Development figures

on national income per head,

which he says shows that

Britain has slumped down

men - Laurel and Hardy".

LAUREL AND HARDY join the election today in the guise of the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer. Labour is portraying John Major and Kenneth Clarke as Stan and Ollie to illustrate its daim that Britain has sunk to 21st place in a "world prosperity league". But the advertisement in

The Times with its caption "Another fine mess" echoes a very similar cartoon drawn by the newspaper's political car-toonist, Peter Brookes. A theft? 'It's like all these things," says Brookes.

There's no such thing as an original idea. I also once did a cartoon of Blair and Prescott as Laurel and Hardy. Both these pairs lend themselves to that kind of caricature.

"Curiously, I also did a drawing of a double-headed John Major on an ECU and Labour did that poster of a double-headed Major on tax. prosperity league". The Shadow Chancellor says that since The first time you think, oh 1979 Britain has been overtakthat's an interesting coincien by Italy, Japan, Finland, Hong Kong, Singapore and dence. The second time you wonder if they really are

The Paris-based think-tank keeping an eye on what cartoonists are drawing." is generally considered the Marion Cubin of the Laurel definitive authority on interand Hardy Museum in Ulverston, Cumbria, said the national economic comparisons, but the figures must be pair would have enjoyed seeing their image used in this (Anatole Kaletsky writes). way. They are no strangers to Most economists regard

countries whose per capita GDPs are within 10 per cent of one another as having essentially the same standard of living. On this basis, Britain is broadly in the same league as France, Italy, Sweden, Holland and most other European countries. It is, however, clearly behind Germany, Austria and Belgium and far behind America, Switzerland, Hong Kong and Norway.



Labour's "Stan" Major and "Ollie" Clarke and Peter Brookes's 1994 cartoon version

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☐ Mainline stations shut down ☐ Trains diverted ☐ Airports closed ☐ Traffic gridlock

### Worst chaos yet in IRA campaign to disrupt transport

By STEWART TENDLER, HARVEY ELLIOTT AND DANIEL McGrory

AIRLINE passengers, rail commuters and drivers across London and the South East were stranded for hours yesterday as the IRA launched its biggest attempt yet to disrupt the mainland transport

At the peak of the disruption during the morning rush hour Gatwick, Luton and Stansted airports were completely closed. Security searches were under way at Heathrow's Terminal Three and police evacuated King's Cross. St Pancras, Charing Cross and Paddington railway stations and Baker Street Underground. The Eastern Docks at Dover were also closed.

Trains coming into London from the west were stopped at Ealing Broadway. Trains coming from the south to Waterloo and Charing Cross were diverted to Canon Street. London Bridge and Victoria. Those from the north were halted at Stevenage.

Later in the day the three stations at Watford were closed after more coded warnings. On the road network police had to close some roads into London to stop

In central London Trafalgar Square was eerily empty in the rush hour. Elsewhere motoring organisations reported the

worst traffic chaos seen in the capital, with total gridlock in some areas with Whitehall, Pall Mall, parts of the Emhankment and Euston Road. The disruption follows other

attacks in recent weeks. On Friday the IRA left a trail of chaos in the north of England with hoax calls warning of bombs at stations and on the Mó. On April 3 they struck at the M6 and M1 in the Midlands and on March 25 they bombed Wilmslow station in

The disruption began with a flurry of coded and uncoded messages at about 7am. At Gatwick, which handles 50 to

#### Handbook on warning calls

Organisations that might get bomb warnings were urged by police to study the Home Office's handbook for managers and security officers on handling bomb threats. Bombs: Protecting People and Property tells switchboards the information they should try to get to help police judge the seriess of the risk. The operator might also get information that could help

to identify the caller.

60 flights in and out each hour, more than 8,000 departing passengers had to be looked after for hours when all the airport closed. Stansted closed for an hour and some incoming passengers were left sitting for hours in their

Luton was completely closed and, to the frustration of its staff, remained so for much longer than Gatwick because every available bomb disposal unit was busy in London or at Gatwick and could not be spared until

The police blockade at Luton was lifted after eight hours last night, though forensic teams continued their investi-

gation of a suspect package.

Bomb squad officers had blown up the device which was discovered in an empty office close to the main doors of the arrivals building. That part of the terminal remained cordoned off last night. John Major expressed his

contempt for the IRA and Sinn Fein. He also praised the "stoicism and good humour" of the thousands of travellers whose journeys had been disrupted.

Tony Blair said: "It is a clear attempt by the IRA to disrupt the British general election. We will not let them do so."



Passengers being evacuated yesterday from the terminal at Gatwick after a bomb warning. No device was found

### Disruption 'will last until May 1'

By NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SINN FEIN resorted to its familiar refrain yesterday of blaming everyone apart from republicans for the series of IRA bomb warnings on the mainland. As Unionists gave warning that the IRA would step up its campaign of disruption right up until polling day. Sinn Fein accused John Major of provoking the

Speaking at Sinn Fein's weekly elec-tion press conference in Belfast, Martin McGuinness, the party's chief negotiator, said: "I see all of these things as the symptoms of the failure of the British

Prime Minister John Major to develop the opportunity which was created by the IRA cessation of August 1994."

Mr McGuinness qualified his remarks by saying that the prospects of a new government and a strong performance at the polls by Sinn Fein offered an opportunity to rebuild the peace process.

The IRA and Sinn Fein leadership are using the disruption on the mainland to send a blunt message to the next government unless it changes course on Northern Ireland, by relaxing the conditions for Sinn Fein's entry into talks, then the mainland will face more violence. Mr Major and Tony Blair both stood

firm yesterday in the face of the carefully

the conditions for republicans. However, the IRA is convinced that exploding bombs and causing disruption will eventually make the British people want to wash their hands of "the Irish problem". Lovalists were thought to be responsi-

orchestrated IRA campaign. In recent

weeks they have united in toughening up

ble for exploding a pipe bomb outside the Sinn Fein press office in the Shantallow area of Londonderry yesterday. Minor scorch damage was caused to the door of the office when the small pipe bomb exploded at 3am. The area, which was sealed by the police, was reopened later

### **Stoicism saves** the day for grounded fliers

BY ALAN HAMILTON

MAUREEN O'SHEA made motorway through Luton was the best of a bad job yesterday. finding the most comfortable seat in the house — the cab of a baggage truck. However, at the age of 72 she was still feeling the cold in the cargo hangar that did duty as Luton Airport's temporary passenger terminal.

Hundreds of travellers displayed patience and stoicism the typical British reaction in London and the South East to the IRA's disruption tactics -as they waited most of the day for the airport to reopen and their flights to take off.

Some lay in the sunshine on grass verges; others stretched out on the tarmac with their luggage for pillows. Many more made the half-mile walk to a nearby Asda supermarket which had thoughtfully set up tables and chairs in its entrance lobby and was offering free tea, coffee and

sandwiches. The morning had started chaotically. Doreen Tighe and her 22-month-old son, Jack, heard reports on the radio before they left home in Northampton at 8.30. "I tried to ring the airport but couldn't get through. The traffic from the nose to tail. When we got here they still hadn't opened the

remporary car park." Andrew and Maxine Openshaw from Leicester, en route to Dublin. stretched on the grass munching Asda sandwiches, "It's frustrating and really childish, but it's still frightening that they can hold the country to ransom with a few phone calls," Mr Openshaw said.

Early-morning fliers arriving at Luton by train were held at the station for two hours before being taken by coach to the airport. Around the airport itself, the streets were littered with parked cars, many belonging to airport workers unsure of what to do.

As the hours dragged by, a camaraderie developed. People shared their food, struck up new friendships. exchanged travel horrors.

"If I'd thought about it. I should have guessed the IRA would do something on the Queen's birthday," one frish passenger, who declined to give her name, said. "I am not at all amused. I hate the IRA. They are achieving nothing except a lot of inconvenience."

### NEWS IN BRIEF Haughey 'took £1.3m in secret'

Charles Haughey, the former Irish Prime Minister, re-ceived £1.3 million in secret payments from a supermanket tycoon while still head of the Dublin Government, a public inquiry was told

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yesterday.

Ben Dunne, the former head of Dunnes Stores, alleged that he made the payments under false names into off-shore bank accounts to help Mr Haughey out his financial difficulties. Mr Haughey was involved in detail negotiations on Northern Ireland with the British Government at the time of the payments, allegedly made in four instalments between December 1987 and November 1991. Mr Haughey, who was not at the hearing, denied any knowledge of the payments in letters to the Dunne family's

The tribunal continues.

#### Bishop calls for gay marriages

A leading Church of England bishop called last night for the church to sanction homosexual "marriage". The Right Rev John Baker, former Bishop of Salisbury, also suggest-ed that the end of such a marriage should be marked with a "divorce".

His views were countered by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, who made clear that he disagreed with the bishop's stance.

#### Victory roll for Andrex makers

The lavatory paper maker Andrex won a High Court battle to stop a rival firm using promotional packaging that made it appear the com-

panies were connected.
Nouvelle Quilted promised Softness guaranteed (or we'll exchange it for Andrex)". The court gave Andrex an injunction banning Nouvelle's makers from using its trade mark, which the judge said could mislead shoppers.

#### Boy died after pretending to fall

A schoolboy several times pretended to fall from a 200ft cliff before he really fell to his death, an Eastbourne inquest was told. Jamie Underdown, 10, had faked a fall six times as he walked with his sister and two of her friends along cliffs at Seaford, East Sussex, on March 15. The three girls told a passerby that they thought Jamie had fallen "but he may be joking and hiding". Verdict: accidental death.

#### Firefighters' strike escalates

The strike by Essex fire-fighters escalated yesterday when the Fire Brigades Union announced further action against cuts of £1.5 million in the service. Stoppages will take place tomorrow.

April 30 and May 3. Green Goddesses, the 40ear-old appliances manned by troops, were called out to 16 incidents yesterday, none serious, during the second stoppage called by the union.

### Gorbachevs go shopping as Gatwick closes

By RICHARD DUCE AND LIN JENKINS

THE former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and his wife Raisa were among thousands of passengers stranded at Gatwick yesterday. While most passengers were forced aircraft. Gorbachevs booked into the £150-a-night presidential suite at Gatwick's Ramada Hotel with their entourage in ad-

joining rooms. After lunch they went shopping in the West End of London in a chauffeur-driven Daimler, tailed by Russian embassy staff.

More than 8,000 passengers at the airport were evacuated in an exercise described as "copybook" by the police. The man with the unenviable task of sorting out the chaos was David Cumming, the airport's director of operations, who only took up his new job on April I. Mr Cumming was driving to work when received a bleep from the duty officer, but like thousands of others, he could not get near the airport.

He ran a crisis centre at the airport's emergency meeting place at the BAA manage-

Gatwick until the all-clear, when he moved back to the airport and began clearing the 130 stranded aircraft.

"I was frankly amazed at sengers were. Many of them

news on the radio.

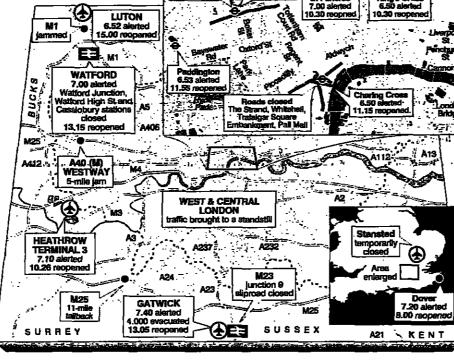
had been flying for ten hours and then to be told they had to sit on board an aircraft was terrible. But they were wonderful," he said. Many passengers were stuck in their aircraft for several hours in safe areas on the tarmac after they touched down, as those heading for flights were corralled into hangars for safety. Staff and travellers in the north and south terminals walked to emergency holding areas in the car parks, while local roads and access from the M23 were closed.

More than 30,000 people queued behind the security cordon. Some abandoned their cars and tried to walk while others simply read newspapers on the grass verges as they listened for

Sussex police, who mounted the security cordon, consearch on the railway station

day and night

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below the south terminal and the railway track after the coded warning to an airline at 7.12am. No device was found.

The south terminal reopened at 1.20pm and the north at 2.30pm. Roads were closed again for half an hour in the afternoon after luggage left in a car park sparked another alert. Many passengers faced the prospect of a night in the airport while one American student said she would head for London in the hope of finding a room there. If that failed she planned to spend the night on Victoria

Raymond Hellen, whose daughter and four-year-old grandson were due to fly to Florida, said: "Last night we saw Gerry Adams talking about peace and harmony in Sinn Fein's party political broadcast. It is somewhat ironic given that this today was hardly an accident. It is

Out-going services resumed shortly after 4pm and in-

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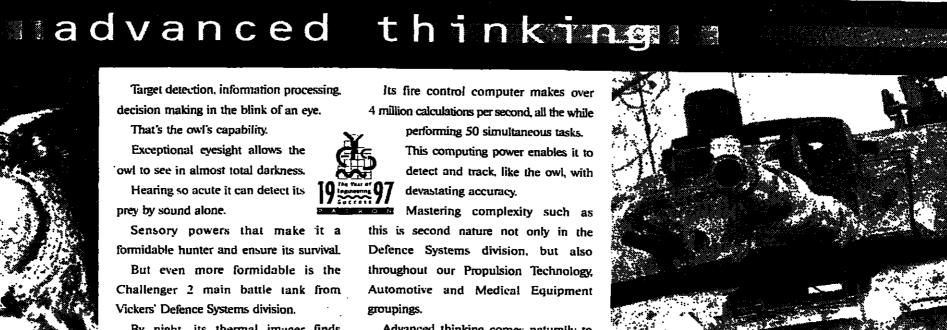
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coming ones at about 4.30pm. Sussex police said the closure caused traffic jams up to 15

Carl and Gill Williamson arriving from Toronto with five-month-old Linden to visit his grandparents for the first time, said they had been well looked after during the delay. "It has taken some hours to get through, but everyone has been great. People seem to understand that it is difficult with a baby and they were terrific," said Mr Williamson.



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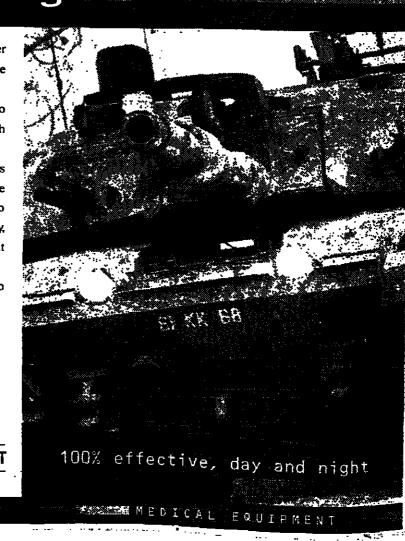
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## RSPCA's biggest bequest contested by widow cut out of the will

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE RSPCA is being challenged in court by the widow of an Austra-lian businessmen who decided to leave £8 million to the charity days before his death.

Leon D. Richardson, a dog-lover and well-known financial commen-tator who had survived kidnapcorruption charges, rewrote his will nine days before dying of a heart attack in Hong Kong in May 1995, aged 77.

Margie Richardson, 76, his wife of 40 years, from whom he had separated in 1994, launched a legal action in the Hong Kong High Court yesterday over her late husband's fortune.

Mrs Richardson contends that her husband was suffering from "morbid jealousy" and was of unsound mind when he scrapped his original will, in which everything was left to her,

According to Mrs Richardson's writ, her husband's delusions led him to accuse her of infidelity and claims that she hired eanesters to kill him. The writ says that Mr Richardson expressed the view in a letter dated February 24, 1995, that

Yesterday John Scott, QC, for Mrs Richardson, said that the couple had enjoyed a deeply loving relationship but Mr Richardson began to suffer from "morbid jealousy" in the last months of his life. Letters written by Mr Richardson to relatives "showed quite clearly this poor man to have been a lonely, paranoid and delusional

heinous, sinning, fiend-like, im-moral depravity". soul at the end of 1994 and the beginning of 1995", Mr Scott told the court.

Michael Thomas, QC, for the executors of the will, denied that Mr Richardson was suffering from any mental disability when he signed the will. Friends and colleagues of the businessman say he had suffered from a chronic heart condition and was under stress from the recent break-up with his wife when he died. Mrs Richardson had received more than £2 million from her husband after they

According to the RSPCA yester-day, Mr Richardson kept Newfoundland dogs and a poodle which he unted with a pink rinse. A spokeswoman said: "If we were to receive the whole £8 million, then I think it would be our

biggest legacy ever. It would be a

marveilous thing for animal wel-fare in the UK and abroad ... and would cover the cost, for instance, of running just one of our seven animal hospitals for eight years."

The RSPCA spends some £40 million a year in running investigations, mounting prosecutions, in veterinary treatment and in housing sick animals

The case is expected to last ten

### Rapist who plotted against celebrities is sent to Rampton

A WOMAN-hating psychopath who planned to stalk and rob famous women, including the actress Fiona Fullerton, was sent yesterday to Rampton high-security men-tal hospital indefinitely.

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Rodney Barnes, 31, who became known as the Mayfair Rapist, raped a West End croupier and robbed seven women at gunpoint during a six-week period beginning on his thirtieth birthday in March last year. Police found a list of 30 targets including Miss Fullerton, star of the television series The Charmer. as well as the former wife of a comedian and other women celebrities he had traced through electoral registers.

When caught on May 14, he told police the robberies were "a game plan" to raise money for a real gun so he could murder his former wife, mother, former mother-in-law, and

Barnes, from South Ockendon, Essex, suffered from a psychopathic disorder and a schizophrenic-related condition, the Old Bailey was told. A Rampton psychiatrist described him as "one of the most dangerous men I have seen in my professional career". Barnes was being

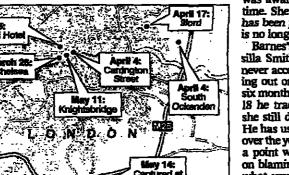


Barnes: "game plan" was four murders

hunted by eight police forces while he targeted lone women living around the M25. Driving a stolen car, he threatened them with an air pistol that resembled a real firearm.

He admitted 15 offences including rape, kidnap, indecent assault, seven robberies, theft and firearms possession. His victims sat in the public gallery as Judge Boal, QC, was told that the 32-year-old Mayfair croupier tried to commit suicide after her four-hour ordeal, in which she was kidnapped in a Mayfair car park, driven around London in her own car, forced to have sex without a condom and to

wash away the evidence. Ten days later he tricked his



woman's hotel room in central London, forced her to strip and told her: "I'm going to rape you" before she screamed and he fled. Other robberies were carried out in Wey-bridge, Surrey; Itford, Essex; and Cheshunt, Hertfordshire. Police found a list of potential victims in Bournemouth, London, Berkshire and Manchester, where his former wife lived after escaping from their

violent marriage. He showed little remorse, the court was told, and objected to the presence of a woman police officer. He complained of hearing voices in his head during the robberies and of being in a trance-like state. Judge Boal said: "You struck terror into the hearts of your victims and no doubt put countless other women in fear of becoming your next victim. The medical and emotional consequences on some of your

victims is incalculable." Detective Inspector David Hills, of the Central London major investigation pool, said Barnes had got "reasonably close" to Miss Fullerton and to other women on his list. "Had he had the time, I think he would have got round to them," he said.

A spokesman for Miss Fullerton, 40, said last night: "She was aware of this man at the time. She is delighted that he has been put behind bars and is no ionger a danger."

Barnes's stepmother, Drusilla Smith, 53, said he could never accept his mother walking out on him when he was six months old. When he was 18 he tracked her down, but she still didn't want to know. He has used this as his excuse over the years, but there comes a point when you can't carry on blaming your early life for what you are getting up to,"



George: shared a bed with Brandon in squats

### Musician sues Boy George over gay sex claim

By A STAFF REPORTER

ROCK musician Kirk Brandon admitted in court yesterday that he shared a bed with Boy George — who he knew fancied him — but denied the homosexual singer ever made a pass at him.

Brandon, who married his Danish wife two years ago and has a baby daughter, said he had slept with the former Culture Club singer at various squats, when he could not get home after a night's clubbing in the early 1980s.

However, George (real name George O'Dowd), who dressed and behaved as an effeminate homosexual at the time, never laid a hand on him. At the High Court, George's counsel, Patrick Moloney, suggested the blond frontman of Spear of Destiny and Theatre of Hate "crossed the line" in this one relation-ship and engaged in homosexual activity with someone he thought of almost as a girl.

"I suggest that when you were in bed with Boy George, [various homosexual acts] took place," Mr Moloney Mr Brandon replied: "I

categorically deny every sin-Mr Moloney said: "Fur-

thermore, certainly when you were with Mr O'Dowd's friends, if not yours, the two of you behaved in an affectionate manner, embracing, holding hands, as two homosexual lovers would."

Mr Brandon replied: "I would say no to that, sir." He told Mr Justice Douglas Brown that the alleged affair, detailed in George's 1995 autobiography, Take It Like A Man. was "a total lie".

Mr Brandon, 40, of East Dulwich, southeast London, is suing Boy George, book publishers Sidgwick and Jackson, Virgin Records and EMI Virgin Music for malicious falsehood over the book and a CD, Cheapness and Beauty, which contained a song about him entitled Unfinished Business.

Kirk Brandon with his wife Christina and their daughter yesterday

He says they damaged his family and business associates at a crucial stage in his career, when he was trying to get back to the top after two years of illness.

Mr Brandon said that when he first met George at The Blitz club in 1980, before he became famous, he thought he was "very strange". It was clear he was a homosexual who liked wearing women's makeup and outrageous clothes. Mr Moloney showed the court photographs in which Mr Brandon and

George were lying together on a bed "having a cuddle". He said he believed that

George had tried to "out" him as a homosexual in revenge for his imagined rejection and as a strategy to boost sales of his book and CD. "Unbeknown to me, in the midst of the relationship he really imagined he had had."

his wealth, his obsession for me turned into something bitter, some might call it evil, a grudge. He believed I had dumped him. Perhaps somewhere in his drug problems, or whatever, his hatred focused on me ... some years later revenge became a cleverly calculated possibility. He wrote his book and wrote of

The hearing continues.

### Sister's fear a simple phobia

A WOMAN facing death from leukaemia made a last desperate appeal to her sister yesterday to save her donation. Angela Latham, 39. had her hopes raised last week when her sister Susan Squires promised to reconsider her decision not to donate because of her fear of hospitals. But at the weekend Miss Squires insisted she had not agreed to go ahead with the

Miss Squires might be surprised to learn that her fear is classified medically as being a simple phobia. In Miss Squires's case, the phobia seems anything but

In the consulting room, the phobias of which pa-

tients frequently complain are divided into simple phobias, social phobias and agoraphobias. Agoraphobia can be translated as meaning a fear of open places, but it is now used in broader terms to describe the extreme fear induced in someone when they feel that they are unable to leave a situation that they visualise as being threatening. It could be a cinema, a church, a lift or a crowd. Social phobias are those induced by an unreasonable fear of performing. and of subsequently being judged and criticised for this activity. Problems can

vary from speaking and eating in public to having When patients have one isolated phobia — whether it is a specific fear of spiders, flying, blood, doc-tors, hospitals, dentists or injections - but are otherwise untroubled, it is

described as a simple Very often a pulverising dose of a tranquilliser will overcome the immediate problems, but they do not provide any long-term re-lief and may induce drug-

dependency. Treatment of underlying problems, whether psychiatric, depressive or psychological, can often be treated

with psychotherapy or drugs. Some doctors believe that patients should learn to face their fears by being deliberately exposed to them, either in situations that are made gradually more threatening or by being confronted by the worst aspect of the anxiety that the patient can visualise — by being thrown in, as it were, at the

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

### Injury time in race with Robbie Fowler

By A STAFF REPORTER

A TAXI driver broke both arms when he ran into a wall at the end of a school's fun race for fathers that also involved Robbie Fowler, the Liverpool and England footballer. Brian Comer, 39, de-nied he desperately tried to beat the star forward and lost

Mr Comer is suing the sovernors of St Patrick's RC Primary School, Toxteth. Liverpool, for damages, alleging negligence. Adrian-Lyon, for the prosecution, claimed yesterday that there was no track and no finishing line and the school owed a duty of

was an old boy of the school

which his younger brother and cousins attended. He said he had been invited to take part in the race on July 14, 1994, and agreed as a bit of

He said he wanted to win but slipped at the start and finished by running up the wall at the finish, which he thought was the finishing

Asked by the judge whether he thought the other fathers were keen to beat him, Mr Fowler said: "No one said anything about someone especally wanting to win the

### Father beat up child molester

BY A STAFF REPORTER

- pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm and

sobbed as he was given a nine-

AN ANGRY father who bit off needed plastic surgery on his the earlobe of a man who molested his 10-year-old

Wane, 41, had groped the girl while he was drunk. daughter wept as he walked Earlier this month Wane was free from court yesterday. The 40-year-old stormed jailed for 12 months for inderound to John Wane's home, cent assault after forcing the girl to relive her ordeal in the swore at him and repeatedly kicked and punched him in witness box. At Manchester Crown Court yesterday the girl's father - who cannot be the head and body, knocking him unconscious. As Wane lay motionless on named to protect her identity

the floor, his attacker, described in court as an "exemplary and hard-working" employee, chewed off his earlobe and spat it into a fireplace. Later he told police: "He had been interfering with my daughter. I will kill him." Wane, of Stalybridge, Greater Manchester, suffered

month suspended prison sen-Judge Timothy Mort told him: "It is difficult to know what the reaction of a parent might be in such circumstances. Were I to deprive you of your liberty that little girl a broken nose and shoulder. would suffer the trauma of not and extensive bruising. He

only the attack and the ordeal of having to relive it in the witness box, but also to find her father had gone to jail. "The extreme provocation of cumstances wholly exception-

al," he added. Earlier the court was told that the girl was the man's

only surviving child.

John Chaplin, for the prose cution, said Wane indecently assaulted the youngster last September after drinking in pubs in Stalybridge all day. Mark Benson, for the de-

fence, said: "This was extreme provocation involving a man acting out of emotional anger and distress. He acted out of character and he is ashamed of his behaviour and accepts it

### Judge asks victim to remove make-up

By PAUL WILKINSON

A JUDGE halted a court case so that a young mother could the scars from a beating by a

ES.000 damages to Amanda Barrott, 29, who is too embarrassed to leave the home without carefully masking the results of the assault. After changing his spectacles to have a close look at the injuries, the judge told her: "I am surprised just how bad the scars are after seeing you

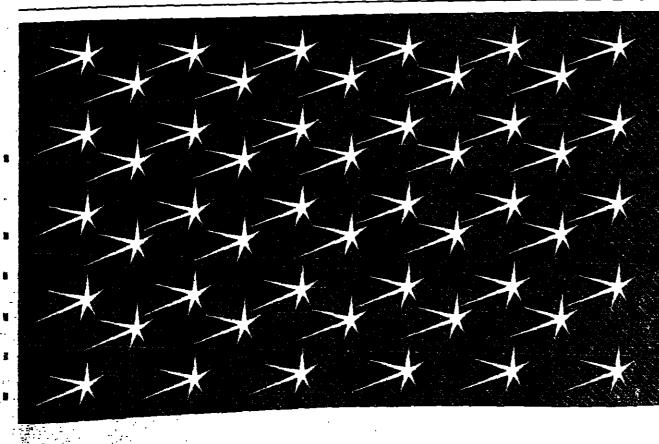
without any make-up. "I accept that the scars can be covered up with make-up, but we pass this way just once and the fact is she will always

carry them. For a young woman this is of considerable significance." He had ordered an adiournment in her claim for former boyfriend.

Judge Grills then awarded pain and trauma at York County Court, so that she could remove her lipstick,

foundation, blusher, eye shadow and mascara. Mark Rogers, 25, a kitchen fitter, attacked her in her York home in March 1995, as her two children slept upstairs. In March last year, he was given 120 hours' community service for assault and criminal damage. He was then ordered to pay £200 compensation for smashing her stereo system

and £250 for her injuries.



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# Management ethic 'is driving young doctors to despair'

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and no hot meals amounted to

a failure of organisational

Far more serious were fail-

ures "of ill-maintained or fail-

ing equipment, demarcation

disputes between medical and

non-medical staff concerning

vital support services to pa-

tients, and inappropriate use of skilled medical personnel

on tasks which required a

much lower level of skill". The

report also found a break-

down in co-operation between

The survey does not repre-

sent BMA policy but it

crystalises feelings of younger doctors working in hospitals and practices all around the

country. It involved creating

small discussion groups of

doctors drawn from a random

database, based on age, sex

and grade in the health

medical and nursing staff.

housekeeping."

DOCTORS believe they are being turned into "technical monkeys" by clipboard-toting managers more interested in number crunching than the health of patients, according to a damning study of the health service for the British Medical

Unrealistic demands and a culture of complaint inspired by the Patient's Charter were found to be causing stress and burnout. Nurses were often regarded as "the enemy", while poor housekeeping meant doctors were required to clean floors, wheel patients to the front door or run around trying to find batteries for

equipment.
The survey, written by Isobel Allen of the Policy Studies Institute, concentrated on consultants, general practitioners and junior doctors aged under 40. It found the stress of constantly being "bleeped" and of being required to meet management targets meant that most were already planning an early

The report says: "There was repeated evidence that for many of them their commitment to patients was the only factor which was preventing

them from leaving medicine." Even the doctors' traditional spirit of inquiry was disappearing. The younger generation of doctors are so occupied in routine aspects of the practice of medicine and the external requirements that now surround it that they are perhaps unable to lift their heads above the routine in the way previous generations did."

Doctors' problems stemmed largely from increasingly intrusive and aggressive man-agement, which meant speeding up consultations and seeing more patients. "Many comment that their professional judgment and practice were being challenged by administrators with little conception of the level and type of patient care that doctors are trying to deliver."

Increasing demands by "managers with clipboards" meant "their ability to provide caring and compassionate medicine was being constantly eroded by management's de-mands on them to maintain throughput and numbers and to account for their time."

The intrusive management. however, failed to provide good working conditions. "In-



Indy the tiger visits Molly Ladbrook-Hutt in Guy's Hospital. "The week before we had rabbits," Molly said

### Tiger ousts rabbit as pet treatment on the ward

By TIM JONES

TOYS, books and puzzles help to keep sick children amused but they cannot compare with

a visit from a tiger.

The introduction of Indy, a five-month-old Bengal tiger, to the children's unit at Guy's Hospital, southeast London. therapy.

Accompanied by Clark, its keeper, Indy, who has been hand reared, behaved impeccably as it rested its front paws on the beds and

gazed at young admirers.
Molly Ladbrook-Hutt. 13.
who has been at Guy's for
more than five weeks, said: The week before we had rabbits so the tiger was fantastic. It was so exciting and made me feel better."

The visit was instigated by Melinda Edwards, the principal child psychologist, who is a great believer in pet therapy. She said: "I expected a flopeared bunny or a little dog, not a baby tiger. It is an exceptional treat for the children, not to mention the staff. to get that close to such an exotic animal."

### Hospital building plan 'could harm NHS'

By Ian Murray

THE National Health Service will shrink and be unable to provide a comprehensive range of treatments as a direct result of government efforts to attract private funding to build hospitals, according to the British Medical Journal.

The report forecasts reducnons of 26 per cent of heds in England and 30 per cent in Scotland over the next five years. "The Government has set great store on increasing activity as a performance measure of more patients treated and shorter waiting times. The bed reductions proposed here will reduce the level of activity," Dr Allyson Pollock, of St George's Hospital Medical School, writes in this week's

Dr Pollock investigated 17 first-wave hospital schemes funded by the Private Finance Initiative on behalf of the NHS Consultants' Associ-ation, the Radical Statistics Health Group and the NHS Support Féderation.

Under the initiative NHS trusts invite private contractors to meet "output specification", defined not by the number of beds needed but the expected level of clinical activiry. Once the contractor has been selected there could be further bed reductions. The contractor, having bought the site from the NHS, can make other use of areas not needed to fulfill its contract.

The report said that because of the failure of the private plans to consider the impact of the closure of smaller hospitals the total number of beds lost had been underestimated.

### **Psychiatric** care close to collapse,

MENTAL health services are on the point of collapse in some parts of the country and the community care policy is

In a report published were not widely available.

The college blames "a fundamental failure in the development and implementation of mental health policies" for the crisis. While supporting the principles of community care, the college said that a widespread failure of health and local authorities to develop joint plans to implement the policy had put the system under intolerable pressure.

The report said that 12 per cent of men and 18 per cent of women had clinically significant psychiatric problems, and 100 million working days a year were lost through mental health-related causes. The financial burden of this, the 5,000 suicides a year, and the high cost of inquiries into homicides by mentally disordered people needed to be seen against the need to restore the resources "that quietly leached away into other parts of the

### says report By OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

in danger of falling apart, according to the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

yesterday the college said that the 50 per cent decrease in the number of psychiatric beds in the past 15 years had not been matched by an increase in services to cope with patients no longer in hospital care. It said that provision of beds to provide long-term care for very dependent mentally ill people and staff shortages meant that proven therapies

NHS in the early 1990s".

### Eye implants can save sight of Aids patients

AN IMPLANT placed inside the eye can save the sight of Aids patients with a common infection, (Nigel Hawkes writes). By releasing drugs slowly and in the right place, the Vitrasert implant controls eye infections caused by cytomegalovirus, which affect up to 40 per cent of Aids patients. Dr Bai Dhillon, consultant ophthalmologist at the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion at Edinburgh Royal Infirma-

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ry, believes the implant could be used to treat common eye conditions such as macular degeneration - the commonest cause of blindness in the elderly - and diabetic retinopathy, blindness caused by diabetes. "In any chronic disease of the back of the eye. getting the drug to the right place is the key," he said. "Drops work for the front of

the eye but for the retina we either have to inject the drug into the eye or dose the entire patient, which can have sideeffects. The operation normally takes less than an hour and patients generally return home the same day."

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### Chocolate carrot could help tomorrow's adults beat cancer

CHOCOLATE-flavoured carrots went on sale yesterday as part of a drive to turn the vegetable-resistant children of today into the cancer-resistant adults of tomorrow.

Backed by the Cancer Research Campaign and packed by Iceland Foods, the carrots are aimed at the choosy palates of children who refuse to eat vegetables and thus fail to absorb enough vitamin C to help to provide protection against cancer in later life. The range also includes cheeseand-onion cauliflower, pizzaflavoured sweetcorn and peas that taste like baked beans.

They have been tested and approved by panels of children aged five to thirteen in Wales and the North West. The tasters rejected bubblegum broccoli, toffee-apple sweetcorn and prawn-cocktail cauliflower but a second generation of the Wacky Veg range will be launched in June for children who are not tempted by the first offerings. The idea came from Professor Gordon McVie, Director-General of the cancer campaign, after a University of Strath-clyde study showed that, increasingly, mothers were not bothering to cook vegetables for children, who also refuse to eat them in school canteens.

The only day in the year when children are enough vegetables was Christmas, he said, when they were part of a festive meal cooked with more care and served with more sauces. "For me, it is an experiment in changing be-haviour patterns. It is a humorous experiment and

Marco Pierre White, a

father of three who runs The

Restaurant Marco Pierre

White at the Hyde Park

Hotel, a Michelin three-star establishment, said: "Not

wishing to comment says

everything about these prod-

ucts. I think it is better to bribe

children than this - say they

good for children but they just don't serve them. Children are cocking their noses up at the

eating habits."

Nico Ladenis, of the

Michelin three-star Chez Nico

at 90 Park Lane, who has two

grown-up daughters, said: "I

cannot conceive of chocolate

going with carrots but if they

have to use weird combina-

tions they are doing it the

wrong way. The colour alone

must be borrid: people eat

LEADING chefs' reactions to the child-friendly vegetables ranged from disbelief to can go to the park if they eat their food. These products will destroy children's future

Health professionals can tell people to stop smoking, or to use strong sun cream protection but the advice is often ignored. It is the same with vegetables. A third of cancers are due to diet and the first hurdle is to get children to eat any vegetable at all.

certainly wacky but it is in no way frivolous," he added.

Walker, chairman of Iceland, "Every parent knows that who admitted he originally fresh fruit and vegetables are thought it would be no more than a good PR stunt. "In fact it is turning out to be a very serious business indeed." he

### Crime against taste, say chefs

patterns? I thought of all the

supermarket aisles packed

with different-flavour crisps,

and thought that if children

liked eating potatoes in this way, it might be possible with

The challenge was taken up

two months ago by Malcolm

with the eye, it's the first sense. I don't know how children would be attracted to such a messy thing."

Albert Roux, chef of the

Michelin two-star Le Gavroche, who has two children and two grandchildren. said: "It is criminal to do this to children's palates. If you want a child to eat vegetables you have to talk to them about flavour. They must identify the flavour of each vegetable.

big seller. We expect to turn over around £500,000 in the next three months. These flavours may sound revolting to adults, but children like them.

"Chefs like Nico may be a bit sniffy but that has nothing to do with it. Adults usually aren't thrilled by what their children eat but if this gets them to eat their vegetables I don't see it as a great problem. It is better to eat good vegeta-bles tasting of chocolate than not to eat vegetables at all."

The range sells at 99p for a l lb bag compared with £1.29 for carrot-flavoured carrots. "We think the pricing is right and affordable for parents who care about children's health." Mr Walker said.

Two techniques have been used for the flavours: the carrots and sweetcorn come with granules of the flavour mixed with the vegetables, while the cauliflower and peas are coated with a seasoned sauce, Iceland says the frozen vegetables retain all their vitamin C, while fresh ones lose it rapidly after picking.

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Christopher Coates, 3, conducts his own trial at Shenley Fields Nursery School in Birmingham

### It's out of this world, says young test panel

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

WHAT, my son James wanted to know, are these chocolate carrots for? "Are they for people in space?"

Quite. But he judged them really nice. "It's just like having hot drinking chocolate. I can taste the carrois though. They seem really delicious, not like the carrots you give us."

That seemed to be the vital ingredient for James, IL, and his brother Charles, 6, although the latter was not so convinced. Nor was he too keen on the baked beanflavoured peas. "You know I don't like peas, and I don't like baked beans either,"

Courageously, James pushed spoonfuls into his mouth and beamed. "It's just like peas with baked bean sauce. But I think it would have been better if they had just used tomato sauce."

He summed up: "I think they are very nice, but don't bother to get any more. I couldn't eat them with anything else. Who would eat this chocolate stuff with chicken or lamb chops?"

<sup>6</sup>Because itmeowed



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It meowed too much.

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From the basket, that is.

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the freezing water, during which time it meowed quite a lot.

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### Council may dye canal to restore colour to fishing

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

be dyed khaki or blue in an attempt to protect the fish from being plundered by cormorants before anglers have a chance to catch them.

Exeter City Council has devised the scheme because of growing complaints by fishermen who say the clarity of the water in the Exeter Ship Canal is spoiling their sport. Jack Nott, the council's river

and canal manager, said: "We are looking at using natural dyes to put in the canal on days before angling matches. This could make it easier for the anglers to catch fish and . tion given to cormorants and deter cormorants by making it harder for the birds to see

Until the 1960s coasters regularly used the canal, stirring up sediment and keeping the water muddy. Nowadays the water is crystal clear during winter, which has increased the number of fish

being taken by cormorants.

Martin Rich, chairman of the council's leisure committee, said: "We have tried various other ways of increasing turbidity, such as dragging chains along the bottom of the canal and letting in muddy water from the nearby River Exe, but the effects were shortlived. The plan is to try the dyes out on a two-mile stretch of the canal most used by anglers but we still need to get approval from English Nature and other environ-

BRITAIN'S oldest canal is to mental bodies because the canal flows through a site of special scientific interest."

Anglers said yesterday that more drastic action was needed to control cormorants. Paul Marks, membership trustee of the Exeter and District Angling Association, said: Twenty years ago you rarely saw a cormorant on the canal but last December there were about 70 in permanent resi-dence and each bird can catch about 2lb of fish a day. Culling is the only real solution."

Anglers want the Government to relax the legal protecpermit culling of the birds by fisheries managers. But orniists strongly oppo change in the law. They blame the rapid growth of artificially stocked lakes and reservoirs for the increased number of cormorants.



The cormorant: greedy

### Silent spring as cold halves bird numbers

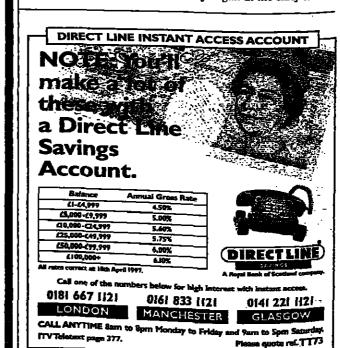
GARDENS and woodlands are expected to be quieter places this spring (Nick Nuttall writes). Populations of many common birds have halved over the past year.

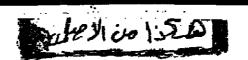
Experts believe the bitterly cold spring and early summer of 1996 made it impossible for many parent birds to feed their young because caterpil-lars and insect larvae were in short supply.

Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, which carries out the annual surveys, said: "I estimate that more than 40 million chicks

species hit worst." All 24 widespread species surveyed by bird ringers at 120 sites produced fewer young. Worst sufferers are the long-tailed tit (55 per cent down), dunnock (48 per cent), wren (45), white-throat (44), blackcap (43), less-

er whitethroat (39), sedge warbler (32) and robin (27). The treecreeper, chaffinch, chiffchaff, blue tit, great tit, garden warbler and willow warbler declined by 27 to 18 per cent in the biggest wide-spread failure since the survey began in the early 1980s.





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Police officers known as The Syndicate showed suspect forged document, appeal court told

### 'Pressure and lies made Bridgewater man confess'

A GROUP of police officers known as The Syndicate used pressure and forgery to pressure an innocent man into confessing involvement in the shooting of the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater, the Court of

Appeal was told yesterday.

Opening the appeal by the Bridgewater Four against their convictions for the 1978 killing, Michael Mansfield, QC, said that police were intent on gaining an admission. His client, Patrick Molloy — who died in prison four years later — had denied involvement 80 times but he was isolated, refused access to a solicitor, questioned for hours and cracked after being shown a forged confession by

another of the accused. Mr Molloy was convicted of manslaughter, sentenced to L2 years and died aged 53. Three others - Vincent Hickey, now



Carl Bridgewater

35, and James Robinson, 63 served 18 years for the murder at Yew Tree Farm, near Stourbridge, West Midlands.

The three, free on bail, listened as Mr Mansfield outlined "serious flaws" in the case against Mr Molloy which hinged on his confession at Wombourne Police Station on fession, Mr Mansfield said, was achieved by a combination of two forces - oppression and a carefully contrived strategy of deception". It could be laid at the door of a particular squad of officers from Regional Crime Squad number 4, based at Bilston. Detective Inspector Jeffrey Turner headed the interroga-tion, Mr Mansfield said. De-

tective sergeants John Rob-bins and Dennis Walker, and detective constables Graham Leeke and John Perkins, a team known by colleagues as The Syndicate, were involved. Other Staffordshire officers may have turned a blind eye, Mr Mansfield said. They included Detective Chief Inspector Weslea Watson.

Some of the 20 interviews of Mr Molloy, lasting 31 hours, were conducted in cells. "It was intended to create an atmosphere of isolation and field said. Many had not been recorded or details subse-quently lost. There is a serious question mark over what was really going on in that contrive and construct a situation where, in the end, Mr Molloy did what the officers wanted. The approach of the police was to plainly and bluntly disbelieve the denials and assert from the beginning that he was guilty, although perhaps he did not pull the Mr Molloy was left with the impression that he had no

Detective Constable Robbins had told Merseyside officers in 1992 that he "would pull the handle on these men, open the trap door and do it with a bacon sandwich in his hand". During interviews, Mr Molloy's pauses were interpreted by police as guilt. They hinted that Vincent Hickey had confessed and finally set a

trap. A forged confession by

option other than confession.



James Robinson, left, free on bail, is greeted outside court by Gerry Conlon, one of the Guildford Four.

Hickey was shown to Mr detectives Perkins, now dead, Molloy. The document later and Leeke. disappeared but scientific tests this year proved its existence when slight imprints from the forgery were found on Mr Molloy's confession. Writing on the forgery matched that of

According to the officers, at 3.40pm Molloy "dropped his head, sighed and said I was there at the farm't he dictated a confession between 4pm and 4.20pm". Mr Mansfield said it

was almost impossible for the 600-word confession to have been recorded in 20 minutes and there were remarkable similarities between the initial verbal confession and that dictated while under caution. Six sentences were identical.

and 23 of 68 clauses. Dr Brian Butterworth, of the University of London, who studies the psychology of language, concluded that the chances of these occurring independently were less than one in a million. The appeal continues.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF **Kwik Save** blackmailer

is jailed

A blackmailer who threatened to contamintate goods from Kwik Save with razor blades, needles, mercury and rat's blood has been jailed for six years. Gerard Farrell. 40. from Liverpool, pleaded guilty to his part in a £500.000 ransom plot with threats of arson attacks if the demands were not acknowledged on the National Lottery show, Preston Crown Court was told. Farrell's demand note read: "Mystic Meg must say,
'I see a windfall for Scorpio'."

#### 'Jovride' victims

Five teenagers killed in a stolen car that crashed at Crumpsall, Manchester, were identified as Sean Cosgrove, 16, Jonathan Openshaw. Peter Warburton and Sean O'Neill, ali 17, and Jamie Irving, 18.

### Not guilty plea

Tracey Andrews, 27, accused of the roadside murder of her fiancé, Lee Harvey, in December, appeared at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday formally to enter a not guilty plea. Bail was renewed.

### Circus death

A circus acrobat has died in hospital at Newport, Gwent, a week after breaking his neck in a back somersault from the shoulders of a colleague. Aziz Elmeslahy, 23. was touring with Gerry Cottle's circus.

### Shelling out

Linda Southern, 45, from Manchester, has spent £80 having identity microchips inserted under the skin of her tortoises. "At this time of year they'll dash off and try to mate with anything," she said.

### **Protection** force officer held over wife's death

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By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A ROYAL protection officer was arrested yesterday by detectives investigating the murder of his wife.

PC Michael Coulton, 52, who patrolled Buckingham Palace as part of his duties with Scotland Yard's SOl4 division, was taken from his home in Woking, Surrey, to Bracknell police station, where he was interviewed

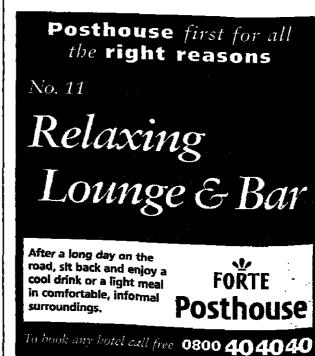
throughout the day. His wife, Patricia, 52, was stabbed to death on January 10 in her car in the grounds of Lynwood Nursing Home in Sunningdale, Berkshire, where she had worked as a care assistant for eight years. Her body was found lying across the driver's seat of her white Renault 19 with her legs dangling outside the vehicle

Coulton attended his vife's funeral last Thursday. Detectives hunting the killer have recently been to America to question witnesses and take

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said a 52-year-old man had been arrested in connection with the Patricia Coulton murder. He was being interviewed by officers from the force.

The couple, who have two adult children, were first married in 1968. They divorced 15 years later, only to be reunited in 1986 and remarried two years ago. As well as his duties at Buckingham Palace, PC Coulton was one of the team responsible for security at the Duke of York's house, Sunninghill Park, about two miles from the murder scene. He reported his wife missing after she failed to return from an evening shift.





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'I had an MP in the back of my cab...'

The Cabbie en route to Westminster Damian Whitworth - p10





Campaigning a world away from Westminster

Ian Lang in Galloway

**Matthew Parris - p15** 

## Edmonds breaks Labour code of silence



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INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOHN EDMONDS became the first union leader to break ranks with the Labour Party yesterday, telling the Scottish TUC conference that he had been urged not to

"You may have noticed some of us have not been doing too much public speaking in the last few weeks," the leader of the General Municipal and Boilermakers' Union said. "It was suggested to me that I might plead some other engagement, rather than come to Glasgow. But I have already washed my hair once this week."

He went on to attack Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor.

saying Labour's commitment to stick to Conservative spending plans for two years would not meet Labour leadership that had pressed him not to attend, Mr Edmonds declined to elborate. But sources the wishes of the British public. close to Mr Edmonds, whose rela-Looking forward to "that day when tions with Tony Blair are poor. the new government breaks free agree that only the most senior from the Tory shackles", Mr Ed-Labour figures would have tried to prevent him going to the STUC. monds said it could not come too Other union leaders attending the

Until he spoke, the Labour leadership had been privately congratulating itself for managing successfully to dampen down potentially damaging moves by the STUC, especially over a national minimum wage. Broadcasters covering the conference said that Labour media managers had pressed them to downplay reports from the STUC in their news bulletins

early for him.

had been brought to bear on them. The Labour leadership did enjoy one victory, however, when a resolu-

or anyone else not to attend the

STUC. Rodney Bickerstaffe and Bill

Morris, general secretaries of the

TGWU transport workers' unions

respectively, said that no pressure

public employees and

was unexpectedly withdrawn by the Labour loyalist shopworkers' union, Usdaw. Mr Bickerstaffe had wanted to urge unions to submit to Labour's planned Low Pay Commission a formula for the wage to be set at half male median earnings. which would translate to an hourly rate of £4.42. Labour is insistent it will not set a rate ahead of the conference said that they had received no approaches from Labour

The Labour leadership avoided a damaging revolt when union leaders failed to back a demand for the railways to be renationalised within the first term of a Labour government. But delegates endorsed a resolution backed by Aslef calling on a Labour government to honour its former commitment to a publicly owned and accountable system and

to establish "a clear timetable for the return of railway companies to public ownership". Labour dropped this commitment in its manifesto, which instead backed greater regulation for the railways.

Lew Adams, leader of the train drivers' union Aslef, told the conference that Labour should stick to its policy on rail privatistion agreed at last year's party conference. Clearly responding to perceived shifts on privatisation by Mr Blair, Mr Adams said he "expected" conference policy on the issue to be implemented by a Labour government.

"That is the policy that is acceptable to the party leadership, we were told. That is the policy we will expect to be implemented. This is Aslef's bottom line. We are hones people who expect promises will be kept. We are democrats. We don't subscribe to mindless militancy, nor do we want favours. We want fairness." He added: "We have every right to expect that a party campaigning on the slogan Britain deserves better and the next Prime Minister who pledges 'trust me' will deliver on their promises."

Earlier, a resolution calling for a repeal of anti-trade union laws and for unions to defy these laws was massively defeated, with no union battalions supporting it. Delegates voted instead for a legal right to recognition where there was "clear support" for this from the workforce, which is now Labour

### Prescott gives meaningless an entirely new meaning



John Prescott sees good omens everywhere. He could speak like other politicians if he felt like it. The punchline is that he doesn't need to, says Ben Macintyre

AFTER 33 days in orbit through 59 constituencies, John Prescott finally lost his remaining grip on conventional grammar yesterday, to the undisguised admiration of the voters of Notting Hill.

In a feat of political oratory unequalled during this election, Labour's Deputy Leader delivered a high-speed tenminute speech in the middle of Portobello Road market that was seamless, themeless and unfettered by syntax or, it seemed, the need to breathe.

Mr Prescott's address began with what appeared to be various augurs of Labour victory as witnessed during his marathon slog around the country: "In Swindon we had the RAF flypast they clearly know what's what in Grimsby we saw that comet Hale-Bopp or whatever when I came along Hyde Park I got the 21gun salute must be someone's else's birthday come May the first I'm going to be dancing round that maypole with

Tony Blair... Mr Prescott has said so many things in so many places that he now says one enormous thing in a single fantastic sentence. His multilingual listeners, including West Indians, Moroccans, Bangladeshis and two bewildered French tourists, may be accustomed to hearing English rendered in a variety of ways, but Mr Prescott's torrent of campaign elision must have placed the language in

London, Mr Prescott had beurity alerts and was forced to ments of the day, no doubt causing a critical build-up of rhetoric which, when it was eventually uncorked, exploded

John Prescott's only a barsteward isn't that terrible shows that the contempt that Mr Major has for ordinary people doing an ordinary jobs he even had a got at me syntax that's 'cos I sailed failed the IIplus system they want to bring back there's the difference it's the education of for the many not the few. . . '

to appear at the sides of Mr Prescott's mouth and a lesser man would have collapsed

an altogether new light. Before his arrival in West

come embroiled in the traffic jams caused by the IRA secscrap his first two engagemagnificently.
That John Major he said

Flecks of spittle had begun



long before from oxygen deprivation, but Labour's Deputy Leader was just getting into his three-legged stride.

"Is that the bear you know we met the headless chicken in Basildon Basildon remember that horrible night in Basildon Doctor Mawhinney he's the only doctor make you sick just lookin' at 'im Doctor Mawhinney I got a message from you for you there aren't

the wise excel." She might

have been less certain about

Emma's political credo: "I

don't want to be a cutie. I want

to be a hot sexy bitch."

Baroness Tharcher's proces-

sions these days are more

any safe seats Tory seats that chicken's ten points ahead of Major there's already two parties two manifestos he had his birthday last week you know where he went the Happy Eater it's the only place that'll take his orders . .

Any politician who has been on the stump this long is likely to sound repetitive, but it is the singular virtue of Mr Prescon's unique approach to the

royal than political, except

that you can get closer to

royalty. We were left to glean

what she thought of marble

top working surfaces. "We are

going home," she said. "We

want a new kitchen." Spin-

Once reviled over the border for the poll tax,

Baroness Thatcher enjoyed a warm

welcome as she campaigned in Stirling

yesterday, Magnus Linklater reports

English language that he appears to be delivering every speech as if the words had only just occurred to him, or were being simultaneously translated from Chinese, perhaps through a tiny micro-phone implanted in his sideburns. His very lack of polish lends earnest be-

I suspect that this effect, in which overlapping waves of

doctors were called on to

On to Safeway, where a

middle-aged lady, seeing the police arrive, said: "They must be having trouble with shop-lifters." Caught by a roving microphone, the Baroness did deliver herself of one political

comment. "I am here to sup-

port Michael Forsyth, and to

support the Conservatives."

she said. "We have done very

interpret this, but even they

confessed

stumped.

speech gradually drown out any specific meaning, is entirely intentional. Mr Prescott could probably sound as clinical as Jeremy Paxman if he wanted to, but from the plethora of disjointed phrases and slogans emerges à generalised sense of energy and outrage. from which the audience then picks what it wants, or can

"I hope he can win, man,"

said Bernard Niles, a West Indian who came to Notting Hill in the 1950s. "We had too much of that Tory man, man." Mr Prescott swerved over

the finishing line with a last flourish: "On May first let's have you out we want some decency in politics."

Before going on a walk-about the West Indian sit-com actor Ram John "Pork Pie" Holder, he set to work on the

highly-polished oil drums of the Ebony Steel Trust, the steel band that had heralded his arrival with a rendition of When the Saints go Marching in. The eerily discordant plinking produced by Labour's Deputy Leader seemed wholly appropriate. Mr Prescott insisted he was playing a tune. "This is modern jazz, so you won't under-

### Irn Bru Lady drinks in admiration of Scottish voters

ONCE she called him her "Young Lochinvar", Sir Walter Scott's mythical knight, who carried the broadsword of Thatcherism from Downing Street to Scotland. Now she was back to help him to save his seat.

Baroness Thatcher came to Stirling yesterday to throw her weight behind Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, who is battling to save a fragile majority of 236 (boundary changes make this a notional figure). There was a time not so long ago when Tories in Scotland would have s begged Central Office to keep her south of the border lest she cost them any more votes. Now she is a secret weapon. But, like all secret weapons, the effect was unpredictable.

What the voters of Stirling or those who were close enough - witnessed yesterday, was as bizarre a public relations exercise as any in

O Young Lochinvar is come out of the West Through all the wide border his steed was the best: And save his good broadsword, his weapons had none.

He rode all unarm'd, and he rode all alone. So faithful in love, and so dauntless in war. There never was a knight like the young Lochinvar.

this election. To see a posse of political reporters straining to detect what the former Prime Minister had to say about kitchen surfaces, whether she approved of the Spice Girls, or understood the significance of Irn Bru, is to see politics reduced to surrealism. Let it be revealed that she

appeared to endorse the Spice Girls as enthusiastically as they supported her. On being asked by a group of media students to sign the front cover of the Spice Girls' new book. Girl Power, she did so with a flourish. Asked what her reaction was to being called the first Spice Girl, she said: "I rather agree." Pressed on the subject, she said: came up with rather a good line: "Michael and I put as much spice into politics as the Spice Girls put

into singing."

She would certainly have approved of Mel B's comment: The strong will survive and

SIR WALTER SCOTT'S MYTHICAL HERO

begins with sea...

United Kingdom in the last 18 years, and it didn't just happen. We made it happen." Mr Forsyth beamed. Then it was down to some

well for the whole of the

serious shopping. She collect-ed carrots, top side of beef, half a leg of lamb and a pound of Scottish butter. She looked blankly, however, at the bottles of Irn Bru, Scotland's national drink. This she had plainly never heard of, and though this lapse alone might

seemed to mind. The woman who was once labelled public enemy No 1 in Scotland for introducing the poll tax, is now accorded something close to respect, if not admiration. It's amazing what the absence of power will do. She's here in the heart of

in earlier days have lost Mr

Forsyth his majority, no one

Braveheart country," said Charles Archibald, 60, from Cumbernauld. "And you have to respect her. She comes over grandmother." Finally, the bill, and this time she was not going to be caught out by the lack of a cheque guarantee card. To the admiration of reporters, she produced Scottish banknotes, fumbling only when she appeared to have some difficulty deciphering which was which. A £10 note and a fiver is not enough these days to meet

bill for £17\_50. That's

Thatcherism for you.

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## Labour cabbie talking his way to the Commons

Damian Whitworth hails a driving force but just can't make him stop

had a scoop: a London cab driver who didn't like talking. Clive Efford, 38, is a cabbie and Labour candidate for

Eltham, the 24th seat on Labour's hit list. Yet his staff replied to interview requests by insisting that he did not wish to share his opinions with readers of national newspapers. An investigation was

A team was despatched yesterday to the party offices in Eltham, southeast London. Officials stopped short of denying all knowledge of their candidate, but said that he was out and they didn't know where he was. Given that the day was sunny and the general election was but ten days away, it seemed a safe bet that he was out canvassing.

Out in the the suburban sprawl, a red rosette was spotted and followed. It led to tower block from which, blinking into the sunlight. came a bearded fellow in a

IT appeared that The Times introduced itself and he looked uncertain. He glanced at his canvassing team, he shifted from foot to foot, finally he shook hands. Tentatively, he opened his mouth and talked.

And talked. And talked. Rumours of the dumb cabbie had been exaggerated. Clive Efford could talk for Britain. A south London boy who grew up on the Old Kent Road, he became a cabbie about ten years ago after the family jewellery shop in Westminster closed — victims of the first Tory recession. He also won a seat on Greenwich council. He could talk about the

NHS and youth unemployment until even fellow politicians flee, and come May 2 he will probably be paid to do so. Mr Efford trimmed the Tory majority to 1.666 in 1992. The man who won, Peter Bottomley, has now decamped to the safe seat of West Worthing.

Somebody, possibly the man who slammed the Labshiny suit and comfortable our office door hard in the face shoes: Mr Efford. The Times of The Times, has clearly told

Mr Efford to play down the cabbie side of things and play the serious politician. This is a shame, for conversational skills developed on the highways should carry him into Westminster, where it is believed he will be the first excabbie on the green benches.

His canvassing team tease him that once on a doorstep. they cannot get him away. And it is true. He tarried sometimes for 20 minutes, on one occasion with a woman who doesn't have a vote in the constituency but wanted to expound about the decline of the industrial infrastructure. "I always spend a lot of time talking to people. I can't help it. There are times when I've

been left on the doorstep with people who have no intention of voting for me and probably take delight in taking up my time. But people don't want just a quick handshake and see you in five years' time." Face to face, one to one, he is impressive. Unusually, he lis-

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woman who said she can't be bothered to vote was given a gentle ticking off. "Don't let them off the hook," he scolded and won her over.

"Cab drivers come from all walks of life. You are always going to have a variety of opinions coming at you. Some disagree with," he explained. I very rarely preach at

people in the back of the taxi. But before the last election, I used to delight in picking up the odd Tory MP and berating them. I claim credit for getting an MP to vote against the poll tax. That was a long journey.' If he wins, his cab will probably be sold to his sister. one of the first women cab "When I am in the House of

Commons, there will be plenty of people I will know who won't know me, because I was sitting in the front of the taxi, he said mischievously. "I'll ask them what they were doing when I picked them up that tens patiently to potential voters before hitting them with

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"I spend a lot of time talking to people. I can't help it." Clive Efford meets Damian Whitworth, left

### Paddy loses the hunk vote but passes ferret test

By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

PADDY ASHDOWN, fresh from his weekend glimpse of his newborn grandson in France, was treated yesterday to a disconcerting view of politics from the next generation of voters.

During a visit to a primary school in west Cornwall, the Liberal Democrat leader was invited to look at a display put together by seven and eightvear-olds entitled "Government - what we think".

First to catch his eye was a contribution from Lucy Mc-Mahon, aged eight. Only rich or hunky men should vote." she had written at the school in the village of Stithians. "I would only vote for rich or hunky men."

Mr Ashdown delivered a gentle rebuke to the Class 3 pupil. "What would you think if I said that only pretty girls could vote? You'd think it was rather rude, wouldn't you?" Lucy was unabashed. Out of earshot of Mr Ashdown, she giggled wildly when a reporter asked if she thought the Liberal Democrat leader was rich and hunky. Pressed to reveal who did meet those criteria, she delivered the

final, crushing blow: "Seb Mr Coe is defending the seat of Falmouth and Camborne, which includes Stithians, for the Conservatives. He has a house in the

village, which may go some

way towards explaining Lucy's admiration. Also in the display was a joint resolution from Class 3: We think there should be more people like Rolf Har-

Class 3 was vague about the appeal of the Australian cartoonist, singer and presenter of the television programme Animal Hospital. "Because he's nice" and "Because he's funny" was the limit of their analysis. Perhaps the spin-doctors should give Rolf a

ring.
Outside the school, Mr Ashdown - possibly with Mr Harris's animal antics in mind - made the most of an unexpected photo-opportunity with a ferret. The creature, called Beavis was being walked by its owner, 12-yearold Penny George, and appeared on a wall behind Mr Ashdown's left shoulder as he was being interviewed by television reporters about Europe.

Ignoring a plea by one of his aides not to pick the ferret up. Mr Ashdown scooped it from the wall. "You're a lovely little beast, aren't you?" he said. "I don't think I've ever seen such a patient and docile

Mr Ashdown may have to rethink his claim, made on Sunday, that the Tory leadership contenders were fighting like ferrets in a sack.





Ashdown found himself outstripped by the Tories'

### Tories' share of vote hovers on 32%, say polls

to be about 32 per cent despite being sorely tested at present. All 28 national polls since the election was called have put the Conservative share at 31 per cent. plus or minus three percentage points. The party has held at this level despite splits over Europe, an unpopular Prime Minister, awkward and misguided advertising and campaigning, low support for their positions on key issues and manoeuvring by candidates to take

over from John Major even before polling day.

Since the election was called, the Tories average share has moved up from 29 to 32 per cent, not much in itself, but enough to reduce Labour's projected overall majority by more than 100 seats. That will not affect who goes to Downing Street, but is vital to the survival of 50 Tory candidates.

The "core" vote for Labour is 28 per cent, tested nearly to destruction in the 1983 election when the party was led by Michael Foot, the most unpopular leader since the war, and fought the worst organised campaign of any party in memory. By contrast, Labour's low point in this campaign has been 45 per cent. The total "core" vote for all other British parties, including the Liberal Democrats, is about 22 per cent. This has

varied in recent elections from 22 per cent in 1992 to the 28 per cent achieved in 1983. Others, including Liberal Democrats. are averaging 19 per cent so far in this campaign.
This leaves one voter in six as being the maximum level of undecideds in this, and most, elections. It is these voters.

especially those living in marginal seats, that the campaign s about. It is to the Tories' advantage to claim that "a third of the

public have yet to make up

**Bob Worcester** savs voters will be misled if they concentrate on Labour's lead in the polls

themselves. At least half these "floating" voters will not turn out, as more than eight in ten people give pollsters their voting intention, though under two-thirds of the public (64 per cent) say they are certain to vote, the best indicator of turnout on May 1. At the same stage of the 1992 election, about 72 per cent said

Labour by recent polls.

The media mislead themselves and the public by focusing on the Labour poll lead over the Tories instead of highlighting the figure that really counts, the Tory share of the vote. In 1992, the Conservatives won with a 43 per cent share. If they do not reach this level now, they lose; indeed, if they do not win as much as 39 per cent, Labour wins an overall majority.

stand to get more seats than is implied by a statistical projection on a uniform national swing since they have become a regional party. Their "core" vote is in southern England, where 90 per cent of voters live in Conservative / Lib Dem marginals.

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their minds", but they are kidding the public, and maybe

they were certain to vote and final turnout was 78 per cent. On those figures, we can expect a turnout of 69 or 70 per cent on polling day. The lowest recent turnout was in 1983 was when Margaret Thatcher had her biggest victory, a landslide of the scale suggested for

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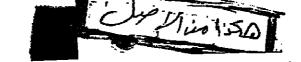
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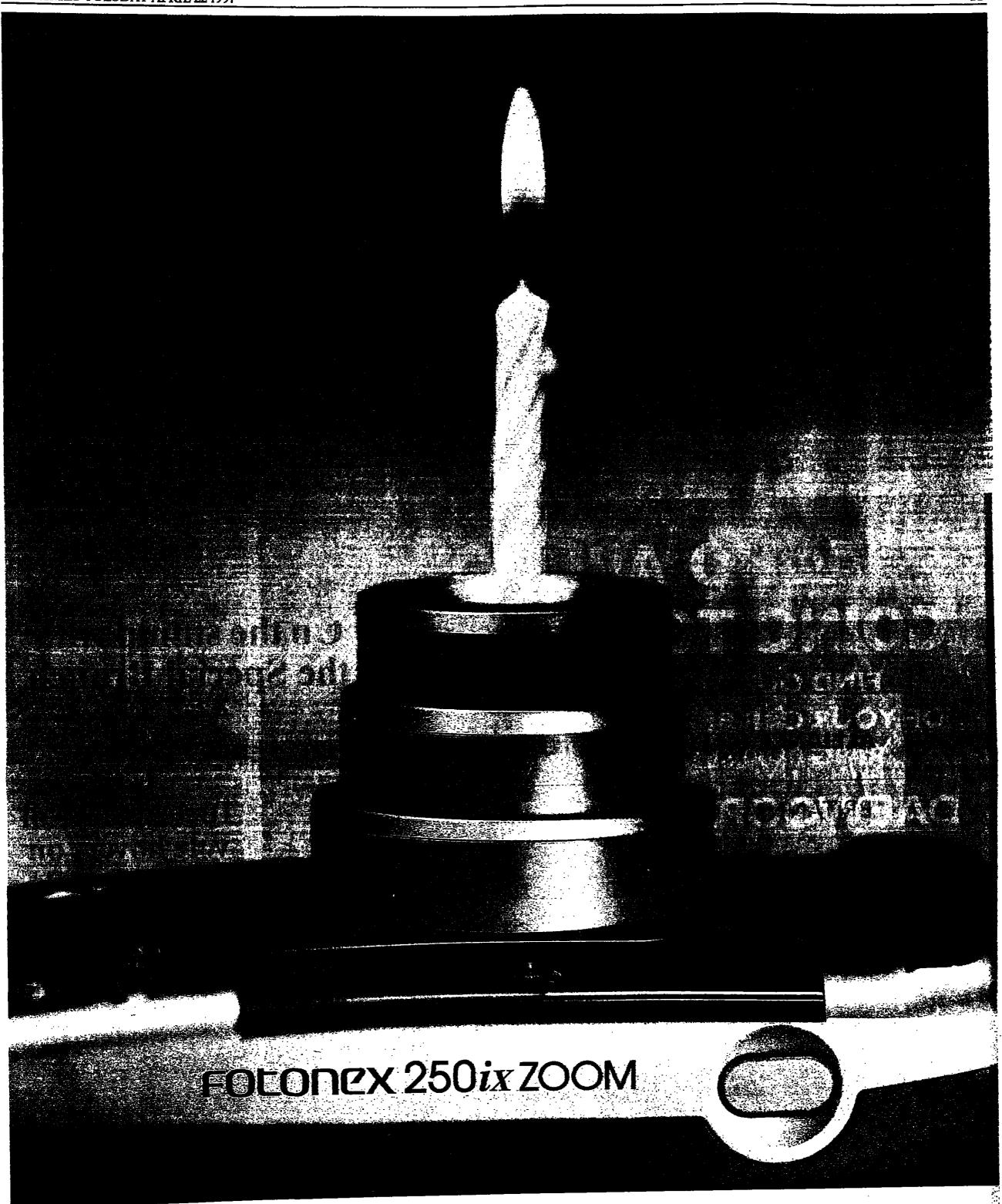
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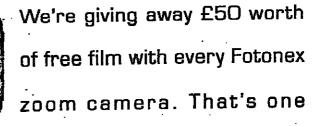


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### Ministers turn tail in the lions' den

MICHAEL FORSYTH exchanged the electoral lions den for a real one yesterday and was left wishing he was back in the political arena. The Scottish Secretary's attempts to portray himself as a Braveheart faltered when he was faced by a pack of cubs. The seven-month-old ani-

The seven-month-old animals, enlisted to pose for photographers with Mr Forsyth and William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, at Blair-drummond Safari Park, were supposed to reinforce the Scottish Conservatives' emblem of a lion rampant. But instead of sitting quietly, the cubs, described by safari workers as normally sedate, showed their claws and snarled and snapped at the nervous-looking candidates.

Mr Forsyth and Mr Hague entered the lion's enclosure in front of a pack of photographers for a morning photo session to begin a day of campaigning in the Scottish Secretary's home constituency. The cubs were brought out to pose with the two men, but as if on cue they struggled and fought with their keepers as soon as they set eyes on their new cellmates.

As Mr Forsyth and Mr Hague backed away, the cubs bared their teeth and growled. Any attempt by the men to come close was warned off with a swipe of a paw. Eventually the two men posed nervously a safe distance from the cubs, who were placated with chunks of raw meat.



Michael Forsyth and William Hague with the uncooperative lions yesterday

# IRA tactics look like vote-loser in marginal

MODERATE nationalists are quietly turning against Sinn Fein in Mid-Ulster after the IRA's campaign of disruption in Britain. Nationalists in the marginal constituency who might have voted Sinn Fein said yesterday they would now support the SDLP's Denis Haughey, a vehement critic of the IRA.

Two pensioners chatting outside the Convent of Mercy in Cookstown, Co Tyrone, a mixed town in the heart of Mid-Ulster, said that peace was the major issue in the election. One elderly woman, who asked not to be named, said: "I will be voting for Denis because he is the serious peace and iddte."

ous peace candidate."
Her sentiments will irritate
Martin McGuinness, the Sinn
Fein candidate, who must
convince nationalists that he
offers the best chance of unseating the Rev William
McCrea of the Democratic
Unionists. Mr McGuinness
aims to woo SDLP voters who
who were outraged when Mr
McCrea shared a platform
last September with Billy
Wright, the hardline loyalist.

Sinn Fein faces a tough fight because a split nationalist vote has handed Mid-Ulster to Unionists at every election since 1974 even though the electorate is 60 per cent Catholic. But yesterday's IRA disruption may not cost Mr McGuinness votes — nationalists' distaste at it may have faded by polling day.

A mother who was picking up her children from the Holy Trinity Primary School in Nationalist disgust at renewed terrorism splits the vote between SDLP and Sinn Fein in Mid-Ulster. This can only benefit the DUP, writes Nicholas Watt

Cookstown said that she was upset for commuters in England, but she felt that John Major could have avoided the trouble. She said: "John Major has a lot to answer for because he should have grasped the opportunity for peace. There also does seem to be a lot of fuss in London when we suffered much more serious

violence in Northern Ireland." Mr McGuinness, hopes to attract such voters by a charm offensive on the door-steps of Mid-Ulster. The selfproclaimed former IRA man has shed his stony demeanour and is grinning his way round the constituency, casting himself in the unlikely role of a peace campaigner. Speaking at Sinn Fein's weekly election campaign press conference yesterday. Mr McGuinness said: "The people of Mid-Ulster have been quite impressed by the contribution of people like myself have made in trying to bring about a peace settlement in our

country."

On housing estates of Coalisland, Co Tyrone, where Irish tricolours hang from most Iamposts, next to freshly painted IRA murals, Mr

McGuinness had a serious message for the voters. This is a very important election," he said "We see it as a new opportunity to rebuild the peace process with a new British government. It also gives us an opportunity to remove Mr McCrea."

Mr McGuinness's performance on the doorsteps cuts no ice with his two main opponents, who believe that the electorate will not be fooled. The SDLP's Denis Haughey, 52 who first contested Mid-Ulster in 1983 and who has been one of the party's main strategists in its 27-year history, is confident that he will be seen as the only nationalist capable of beating Mr McCrea.

As he canvassed on the outskirts of Coalisland. Mr Haughey said: "Anyone who votes for Martin McGuinness will be in no doubt about what they are voting for." Mr Haughey, a former teacher who is married with three children, added that thousands of SDLP supporters, who "lent" their votes to Sinn Fein in the election to the Northern Ireland Forum last May to protest against the

Government's handling of the peace process, would not repeat their mistake.

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He said: "Those people feel betrayed and they feel conned because of the resumption of the IRA campaign in Northern Ireland. They will not fall for Sinn Fein again."

On the other side of Mid-Ulster in his home town of Magherafelt, Mr McCrea insisted that he was quietly confident that he would retain his seat. "Many people believe that Martin McGuinness is a step too far and Sinn Fein have no policies to offer other than a 'hate McCrea' campaign," he said. However, Mr McCrea has

quietly recognised that he is facing the most serious challenge in his 14 years as an MP and has trimmed his sails accordingly. His firebrand speeches, in which he used to give apocalyptic warnings of the threat to Northern Ireland from Dublin, have been replaced by measured tones as he argues that the election will be about "bread and butter issues" such as health and education.

Mr McCrea, who lives in a heavily-fortified house with video cameras and a police guard, dismisses the row about his support for Billy Wright as a side-show which is of no interest to the electorate. "Have you been brainwashed or are you just plugged into nationalist propaganda?" Mr McCrea replied to a question about Mr Wright before moving on to

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### On the stump with the Special Branch

ANDREW HUNTER, chairman of the Conservative backbench Northern Ireland Committee in the last Parliament, is followed everywhere by Special Branch officers: testament to the security threat he faces while canvassing in his Basingstoke constituency.

He has to live every day with the consequences of his interest in Ulster politics. An IRA hitman is serving 24 years for trying to kill him three years ago.

three years ago.

During Mr Hunter's visit to a bungalow estate on the west side of Basingstoke, where most residents are elderly, he was followed by armed Special Branch officers, one wearing the traditional trenchcoat, and slowly moving armour-plated sa-

loon cars.

Travelling with him in the back of his car on the way to the estate, you become aware of certain security precautions. Every Tory canvasser on this visit yesterday morning was conscious that it is the routines that can be so

dangerous. Andrew Hunter, 54, Conservative MP for Basingstoke since 1983 and now standing as Conservative candidate in a redrawn constituency. knows there is a real IRA threat to him because he has been one of the most outspoken voices on Northern Ireland affairs for many years. On the day of yet more IRA disruption, Mr Hunter did not hesitate to launch forth on his favourite political subject, "When the IRA ceasefire ended, that showed them in their true colours. I am not going to be taken for a ride ever again," he said.

His name was on a list found in December of people targeted for assassination. Three years ago, the IRA gunman was caught "as he was on his way to eliminate me", he said.

The IRA first took an interest in Mr Hunter in 1988 when he called for the return of capital punishment for terrorists convicted of murder. "The latest intelligence," he said, "is that I am still being targeted. But that

Michael Evans reports on the perils of going canvassing with a Conservative candidate whose outspoken views have put him on an IRA hitlist

will not stop me from talking about Northern Ireland. It is the subject I specialise in and my supporters here in Basingstoke understand that, although they are a little bewildered."

As we drew into the bungalow estate, Mr Hunter said quietly: "Wait a moment." Then as the Special Branch officers positioned themselves, we climbed out of the car, the heavily reinforced doors requiring a considerable push.

Mr Hunter did not mention Northern Ireland as he



Hunter: man in jail for trying to kill him

spoke to residents at their front doors. But one elderly woman made a remark that brought a smile to his face, as the police officer in the trenchcoat watched from the end of the path. She said: "I want a United Kingdom, but not the IRA."

None of the residents

seemed aware that the cluster of suited men accompanying Mr Hunter were police officers rather than fellow canvassers. Their protection was embracing but not intrusive to those who opened their doors. Mr Hunter, whose majority at the 1992 election was more than that 21,200, was a friend of Sir

lan Gow, the Tory MP who was murdered by the IRA in July 1990. When Mr Hunter called

for the death penalty for terrorists in an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill, his life was threatened. Armed protection was provided for several months and then removed after MI5 decided that the threat had lifted.

He expects that the present

24-hour protection will have to continue for the foresee-able future. He said he had no intention of giving up his strong public stance on the IRA, whether or not the Government was returned to power on May 2.

He added: "I did not know

He added: "I did not know what I was letting myself in for. I did not realise the protection would have to be so prolonged."

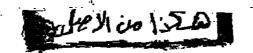
His belief is that the IRA is planning to cause maximum disruption on polling day. "That is what I would do, if I was the IRA, so I am sure that is what they are working towards," he said.

After a morning of knocking on doors in the company of his armed protectors. Mr Hunter returned to the Conservative club campaign headquarters and expressed his alarm at the prospect of a Labour government making Northern Ireland policy.

He said: "The IRA believes that British governments will give concessions to violence. When I met Sinn Fein during the ceasefire, they made it clear they thought violence worked."

He added: "I do not think Sinn Fein should ever be allowed to join the peace talks because they will never be committed to ending violence. What I am afraid of is that a Labour government will allow Sinn Fein into the talks, which will give them credibility. They do not deserve to be given any credibility."





NEW research cast doubt on

Conservative claims yesterday

that John Major's plans for a

grammar school in every town

would improve standards in

Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

cation and Employment Sec-

retary, quoted a study showing the benefits for child-

ren in neighbouring compre-

hensives. But critics argued that the study of schools in

south Birmingham and Salis-

bury was too small to be

conclusive, while wider re-

search by The Times suggest-

ed that the impact of selection

The Department for Educa-

tion and Employment's survey

of 20 schools' results showed

that the proportion of 16-year-olds gaining five or more

higher-grade GCSEs rose by

more than twice the national

average. But a comparison of

results in five selective au-

thorities showed that compre-

hensive schools pass rates

had fallen in two of the

boroughs in the year that the

In Kent and Lincolnshire,

two of the counties with the

largest number of grammar

schools, the improvement in pass rates in non-selective

schools was comparable with

the department's figures, as it

was in the London borough of

Kingston. But in Trafford,

Greater Manchester, and Red-

bridge, northeast London, the proportion of pupils with five

higher-grade GCSEs tell in

1995. Both boroughs improved

are awaiting the result of local

elections on May I with as

Kem retains 40 gramma

survey was conducted.

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comprehensive schools.

Study casts doubt

on advantages of

grammar schools

clearing the way for petitions

to trigger a move to selection.

Although all state schools

would receive an extra £300

per pupil as they gained full control of their budgets, there

would be no extra incentives to

become a grammar school.

Mr Major vowed that wher-

ever parents wanted grammar

schools, "doctrinaire Labour

councils won't be able to stand

in the way". Formal ballots

would not be needed, although

the school governors would

have to show the Education Secretary that there was a broad consensus in favour of

Mrs Shephard said a recent

opinion poll showed that four

out of five parents favoured

selection, as she announced

plans to establish a Grammar

Schools Trust to help schools

But Labour claimed that in

comparable areas. compre-

hensive systems were per-

forming at least as well as

those with grammar schools.

The party quoted Hamp-

shire's lead over selective Kent

David Blunkett, the Shadow

Education and Employment

Secretary, said Conservative

plans would lead to secondary

modern schools for between

80 and 90 per cent of children.

"The vast majority of children

will be left with a second-class

the Secondary Heads Associ-

ation, said the scheme would

not address the main failing of British education, which in-

Peter Miller, president of

education."

Mr Major will rely on volved those at the bottom of parent power to fulfil his the ability range. How would grammar school ambitions, selection for the top 20 per cent

**Anxious wait for local** 

council poll outcome

By David Charter, Education correspondent

and Essex as an example.

convert to grammar status.

schools, the highest number of any local authority, and claims to be running the fairest selective system. The large number of grammars means they take the top 25 per cent of children, compared to the more elitist 10 or 5 per cent in areas with only a handful

of selective schools. Grammar head teachers in Kent believe that a strong Labour or Liberal Democrat performance in the 99-seat county council election will put the current system at risk. The two parties gained con-

trol in 1989 as a joint adminis-

GRAMMAR schools in Kent tration but the Conservatives still hold 41 seats. The authority still runs the

much trepidation as the national poll.

Il-plus tests in English and mathematics which are used to select children ever ary. The Kent test is "opt-in' and half of its 11-year-olds take it. The council also meets the cost of sending children on buses to distant grammar schools, unlike Essex County Council, which scrapped transport grants when the

Conservatives lost control. Kent's secondary moderns prefer to be known as wideability schools. A number have opted out and re-styled themselves as comprehensives which specialise in arts, sports or music, selecting 10 per cent of children for their

aptitude in these areas.

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By John O'Leary and Jill Sherman to 30 per cent help those

> David Hart, the general ciation of Head Teachers, said the result would a "gross waste of resources" with oversubscribed selective schools while less popular schools had a surplus of places. "The decision to give parents the right to decide on the rate of grammar school expansion panders to the self-interest of the minority at the expense of the real needs of the majority."

Margaret Dewar, who chairs the National Grammar Schools' Association, welcomed the move, arguing that there was a real demand for more grammar school places. But she expressed disappointment that there would be no extra funding for schools that converted to grammar schools in the way that money was made available to specialist technology and modern language schools.



Gillian Shephard, third from left, talking to A-level pupils in Darlington yesterday

### Model of peaceful co-existence that delivers results

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

REDBRIDGE, in northeast London, could be the model for a future Conservative school system. Its two tabletopping grammar schools coexist with successful comprehensives and specialist

technology colleges. The borough, which covers large council estates as well as middle-class suburbs, was eighth in last year's local authority rankings for sec-

ondary schools. Labour has been in control for more than a year, but there has been no attempt to abolsurvived from pre-comprehensive days. Two thirds of children in the borough take the examination, but fewer than one in ten win a place at Woodford County High School for Girls or Ilford County High School for Boys. With children from neighbouring authorities also eligible for grammar school places, more than 2,000 tenyear-olds compete for places at the two schools each October. Children have to show

signed photographs as proof

of identity when they sit the examination. The process keeps a thriving network of private tutors in business and also swells the numbers in local preparatory schools. Redbridge's own primary schools are forbidden to coach candidates for the 11-plus.

The local authority has always insisted that its remaining secondary schools are comprehensives, not secondary moderns. Most boasted GCSE results better than the national average last year, although head teachers say they would have done better still with the full ability range. Their schools are "creamed" by three successful independent schools as well as the

grammar schools. When, in the early 1980s, Redbridge parents were consulted on a proposal to double schools they rejected the scheme decisively, opting in-stead for a fully comprehensive system. The existing grammar schools survived. however, and enjoy considerable local support.

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broadcasts The Scottish National Party

has won the right to have its party election broadcasts shown on network television for the first time. Sir Robin Biggam chairman of the Inde-pendent Television Commis-

sion, has ruled that Channel 4

and Channel 5 must transmit

two SNP broadcasts on April

The two channels last week

refused to carry an SNP

broadcast on the ground that

they could not agree to broad-

casts with separate content on

different sides of the border.

The ruling means that viewers

in England. Wales and North-

ern Ireland will see the

broadcast even though they

cannot vote for SNP candidates. BBC and ITV broadcast

SNP programmes only on BBC Scotland and the ITV

Scottish regional stations. SNP chiefs also demanded

more television coverage of

Today's election

Conservatives: Michael Howard,

Roger Freeman in the Midlands: Kenneth Clarke in the South East:

Virginia Bonomley in Wales: Ian Lang in the North East; Brian

Mawhinney in the East; Sir George Young in the South West; Peter Lilley in London.

Labour: Tessa Jowell, Glenda

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### Blair pledges to stand firm against Euro superstate

By James Landale, Political reporter

TONY BLAIR vesterday gave a veiled warning to Britain's continental partners not to expect automatic agreement from a Labour government over further changes to the European Union.

In a strongly Eurosceptic speech to foreign ambassadors in Manchester, the Labour leader declared himself a British patriot and said that he would not hesitate to stop any plans for a European superstate. He cautioned Europe's political elites against forcing change without democratic

support.
Mr Blair said that only Labour could restore Britain's role as a leading nation in the world. He spelt out his party's approach to foreign policy and in particular his plans for negotiations on the future of the European Union in Am-

Unlike the Tories, said Mr Blair. Labour would seek to lead in Europe. But there was not a Gadarene rush towards a European superstate, "There is a good deal of unease at the pace and direction of integration in many continental countries, not just Britain," he said. "And if there is a desire for a superstate, we would not hesirate to stop it. We want a Europe where national identities are not submerged and where countries co-operate together, not a giant and unmanageable European superstate run from the centre.

While maintaining his wait and see policy on a European single currency. Mr Blair said that Labour would "have no muck" with a fudged monetary union. He added: "Too often in the past, European elites have forced their people to proceed at a pace they are not comfortable with.

This is not only wrong but it is also counterproductive to our democratic system. Europe can only go forward if it goes at a pace and in the direction that its peoples want. It is far more important that Europe proceed successfully than that it try to rush ahead and fail "

In key passage where he moved away from his pre-pared text, Mr Blair rejected what he called the narrow isolationism of the Tories and said that Labour would restore Britain's confidence as a nation in the world.

"I am a British patriot," he told his audience. "I am proud of being a British patriot. I love my country. I will always put the interests of my country first. But the Britain of my vision is not a Britain turning its back on the world narrow, shy, uncertain. It is a Britain that is confident of its place in the world, sure of its

ability to engage with the world and provide leadership in the world."

It had been Britain's destiny to lead nations in past centu-ries. That should not be a destiny that is part of our past, but part of our future. He added: "Britain can still be a great country. If on May I we are elected for government, we shall show what true British patriotism is about and give Britain a new lease of life.

Mr Blair said that Labour would demand immediate action from Britain's European partners on five priorities at Amersterdam in June. The party would demand the completion of the single market by the end of the British EU presidency in June 1998; progress towards enlargement of the EU to the east; reform of the common agricultural policy: moves to tackle unemployment and to boost flexible labour markets; and greater commitment to foreign olicy cooperation after the failures of European diploma-

cy in the former Yugoslavia. Mr Blair accused John Major of "brazen effrontery" for claiming that only he could negotiate successfully for Britain's interests. Tory divisions on Europe were "gravely damaging" Britain and the Prime Minister's record was one of



Tony Blair takes the lead in a computer soccer game against an employee of Ocean Graphics yesterday

### Clarke backs out of TV interview

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE pulled out of a television interview last night after an argument with the BBC over plans to

question him about Europe. The Chancellor was due to face Jeremy Paxman on Newsnight in a live interview about the economy but cancelled his appearance only four hours before the broadcast. His advisers argued with

BBC executives after claiming that they had changed the focus of the planned interview to Europe. The decision came the day after Mr Clarke clashed with Eurosceptics when he dismissed the "paranoid nonsense" he said they

were voicing. After several increasingly irate calls between the BBC and senior Tories. Mr Clarke decided against travelling from Nottingham to London

ries accused the BBC of "unacceptable" behaviour in trying to change the terms of the interview, which was arranged in February.

Last night a Tory spokesman said that a series of interviews had been arranged with Cabinet ministers and the subject for discussion was not changed at the last minute in other cases. The BBC changed the terms very late in the day and that is not acceptable. We have agreed

subjects for interview with all the main broadcasters several months ago and we expect them to stick to that. We have already granted Newsnight an interview with Malcolm Rifkind and the issue of Europe was discussed at

length.
"There is no question of the Chancellor backing away from debate on Europe. As far as we are concerned, the Prime Minister has said all

Dobson, Andrew Smith in the Midlands, Mo Mowlam in Wales; Robin Cook in the North: Harriet Harman in the Midlands. Liberal Democrats: Emma Nicholson, Charles Kennedy in London: Paddy Ashdown in the Isle of Wight David Steel in

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## Both parties are guilty of blurring the choices for Britain



acques Santer is, of course, right. He did not refer explicitly to Britain in his criticisms of the flaws in the sceptics' case, but he was obviously referring to the distorted election debate over Europe. However, it is not just the Tories' fault.
Labour is also guilty of blurring the choices facing Britain.

The debate has been mainly conducted in macho language. John Major claims that only he has the hard-won experience to deal with the wilv continentals over their infernal ideas for closer integration. Tony Blair is inexperienced and would be pushed around by the big boys of Europe.

By contrast. Mr Blair argued

yesterday in his big foreign policy speech that the "real issue is one of leadership and clarity". He fairly points to the fiasco of Britain's handling of the European ban on beef, though conveniently forgetting that Labour mistakenly supported last May's decision to obstruct European Union business. Given "the fundamental differences in party management, attitude and leaderhip", a new Labour govern-ment could give "Britain the fresh start it needs in Europe". Of course, Mr Blair initially would have a freer hand to negotiate and he would sound more positive about the EU

good intentions but evades the main issues that a new Prime Minister will have to address, Mr Blair said his first aim was the completion of the single market, but it already is for the Tories. Second, he emphasised the importance of enlargement to the East. Quite right, but that will inescapably involve much larger institutional changes to the EU than he discussed. It is much more than a matter of considering the extension of qualified majority voting to a few areas (such as environmental and regional policy) or re-weighting the

His third priority of reform of the common agricultural polic Mr Blair's approach is long on been pursued by every British citizenship. On most of these. Mr rest of the EU.

Government since the mid-1970s with some, rather limited, success. His fourth aim, of tackling unemployment and promoting flexibile labour markets, is, in part, an act of faith on a change of attitudes in Europe. His fifth goal of making foreign policy co-operation real is an existing British commitment.

But much trickier issues will have to be faced in Amsterdam as set out in the Dutch presidency paper. whether to make defence an EU responsibility; expanding the role of the EU into asylum and immigration policy and within the remit of the European Court of Justice: and extenain

Blair was silent yesterday. In the past, Labour has opposed most such proposals, risking disagreement rather than a fresh start in Amsterdam. That is leaving aside a single currency where Mr Blair has virtually ruled out British participation in any first wave.

Far from putting "his foot on the accelerator to a federal Europe", as Mr Major claimed last night. Mr Blair would not put Britain in the inner core of closer integration, or at "the heart of Europe". The difference between the parties might be more of tone and tactics than of strategy, though that in itself would

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### Matthew Parris trails Ian Lang into a watercolour wilderness of mountain and forest

## Out of reach in a pastel world of his own

AS LARGE areas of London were paralysed yesterday, a man counted among John Major's most senior Cabinet ministers and closest allies was 400 miles from the capital. Alone at the wheel of a Ford Mondeo, his mobile phone out of range, his pager not responding and driving at whim among the hills and lochs of Scotland, with the rain gently falling, this was a man whom nobody - not the Prime Minister, not even his agent — could have contacted.

Had it been necessary to assemble the Cabinet, its meeting would have begun without the Rt Hon Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade but, far more importantly, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Galloway and Upper Nithsdale.

This is a largely undiscovered region. Tucked away at the bottom left-hand corner of Scotland, Galloway is watercolour country: a land of wide skies, open waters, pastel colours and low, gentle mountains. Long after the election clamour has died away, I shall remember the dark green streaks of Scots pine among the yellow-lime of larchwood coming into leaf. It could be Mr Lang's

departing memory, too. "We nearly got him last time." Alex Salmond, the leader of the Scottish National Party, said to me, "but he snuck away." The minister's majority over the SNP stands at a little over

Lang is more hopeful than his rival, though one suspects

he simply does not know whether he can make it. I found him in the pretty village of New Abbey, in whose Sweetheart Abbey's ruins the heart of Robert the Bruce is buried. The SNP has learnt from Robert the Bruce what Robert learnt from the spider:

try, try and try again.
I followed Mr Lang and his Barbour jacket into the Criffel Inn. Lang introduced himself to a solitary couple. A thoughtful, decent and suavely Macmillanite man, Lang is no glad-hander, but he popped dutifully into the subpost office to be grumbled at by the proprietor. The man in charge of British industry listened, rapt, to the details of this tiny shop's income and expenditure. He had cancelled an interview with The World at One to keep up with

his village canvass. He plans next to press on. unaccompanied, to his threeroom constituency office in Castle Douglas, where his pleasant, elderly agent, Ian Mackie (who tends to leave his mobile phone off, seared by the experienced of its once ringing while he was carrying a coffin at a funeral), runs the

This is a long way from Millbank Tower. I report it not to mock, but to marvel at the way in which - like death a small majority and an impending general election humble the mighty. All the trappings of Mr Lang's great office avail him nothing now. Casting them aside, he must drive through the rain alone,



Ian Lang takes a quick breather in the Criffel Inn yesterday during a tour of his constituency of Galloway and Upper Nithsdale

pleading with his electorate one by one — and praying. Forty miles away, I encountered a contrast. In the village of Sanguhar, a part-industri-al, truck-stop kind of place, Mr Salmond was swooping in

to support Lang's challenger. Alisdair Morgan. I accompa-nied both round an aluminium extrusion plant. Salmond's progress was tribaltriumphal. A convoy of seven supporting cars, bedecked in

the party's acid yellow-green colours and dispensing nationalism and rock-candy, blared folksy music and confident slogans through a loudspeaker. Bright-eyed and jaunty, Salmond bounced

through the factory, pumping hands, dismissing Tory chances, sneering at Labour and looking forward, his relish evident, to a Scottish parliament.

England. Salmond planned a jump and shout Sanquhar. "I jump out of the car and shout for five minutes." This party is spoiling

the first party election broadcast to make a profit on general release.

Not that famous names were

absent yesterday. Carla Lane, the

television writer, rang to say she had proof of law-breaking over the

live export of animals but that the

The Home Secretary, whose op-

ponents regard him as the past

authorities were refusing to act.

which is losing 40 jobs to

### Howard backs the rebels on right to dissent

By Philip Webster POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Howard yesterday backed the right of Tory candidates to display their opposition to the Government's negotiate-and-decide policy on the single currency. In a move that will inevitaleadership credentials, the Home Secretary also said there was nothing wrong in candidates accepting money from the Yorkshire businessman, Paul Sykes, to help them in their campaign.

Mr Howard spoke as Conservative party headquarters moved to dismiss all talk of a leadership contest, stating that the only election that mattered was the general election next week. But with Labour still holding a commanding poll lead, senior ministers have given further private indications of a co-ordinated move to persuade John Major to stay on, possibly until the autumn, if he loses office.

The ministers want both to nip an expected early challenge from John Redwood in the bud and to give Conservative MPs, including a large number of parliamentary newcomers, time to judge the possible contenders for the succession. The loyalist ministers also want to block any attempt by the Right to seize control of the executive of the 1922 committee of Tory MPs enabling it to have a big say on the timing of the leadership

Mr Major's close colleagues believe that he will be amenable to an appeal to stay on while an orderly contest is organised. But they have serious doubts over whether he would want to soldier on until the autumn if he has been heavily defeated.

Mr Howard, who along with Michael Portillo, John Redwood and William Hague. would be vying for the votes of the Right in a leadership battle, pointedly did not deny on BBC's Election Call that some Tory politicians were already fighting a leadership election. He said: "I am not able to comment for others My own intention is to win the

### Home Secretary says party should give itself enough rope could make with limitless cash and several cameras: Death Wish 19.

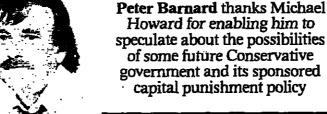
Repetitive Statement Injury is one of the hazards of any election campaign. This af-fliction causes a dull ache in areas of the brain that absorb information and the more policy parroting one is subject to, the more likely one is to suffer RSI. The only antidote is a bizarre or unexpected statement

by a politician. Therefore I am indebted to Michael Howard, who offered some teroporary relief yesterday by raising the spectre of a future Conservative administration introducing the ultimate privatisation, namely privatiboldest initiative offered so far in

is isboi

The Home Secretary appeared on Election Call (BBCl and Radio 4) and was asked a seemingly innocuous question by Raymond Pitt, of Gloucester, who wanted to know if Mr Howard agreed with Tory candidates taking money from Paul Sykes, the Yorkshire millionaire, if they were implacably op-posed to a single currency. Nothing wrong with that, Mr Howard said, provided the candi-

dates believed in the policy. Peter Sissons, the presenter, then asked: "Where are we to draw the line? What if a millionaire wanted to On all public occasions, Mr



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Howard has woven into his facial features a light smile designed to announce him as a reasonable man saying reasonable things with disagree. As with most trained lawyers, Mr Howard QC speaks as

government and its sponsored capital punishment policy if inviting a jury to come to a verdict

with which only a lunatic or a half-wit could possibly disagree. His reply to Sissons was a model believe in capital punishment and The programme moved on, but my mind did not. It raced ahead to a scenario in which a routed Conservative Party re-forms around a rightwing leader, possibly even Mr Howard. Five years hence,

them, that is perfectly legitimate."

Tory candidates up and down the country, financed by millionaires in the rope and trapdoor industries, pledge themselves to the return of And the Tories would have at

their disposal far more glamorous sponsors than Mr Sykes. Imagine Winner, that ebullient opponent of some wealthy supporter of capital liberal law-and-order thinkers.

These were matters for the police and the Crown Prosecution Service.

master of defining the difference between responsibility and blame was regretfully unable to help. He was hanged if it was anything to

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# Labour and Tories are united by indecision

ON THE surface, the past week's campaign drama revolved around Europe. In truth, the reality of what happens in the EU was marginal to soundbite strife over political

leadership and party discipline. When John Major appealed over the heads of his squabbling candidates and ministers to voters not to bind his hands, he was making a final effort to sound like a leader. His speech laid out no strategy for resolving Britain's dilemma over the single currency, which the Prime Minister rightly described as the most momentous issue to face any British government in the second half of this century. The main parties' identically obdurate stances over EU fish quotas contain no prescription for achiev-

Evasion characterises most Brit-

ish debate over Europe. Few politi-cians can muster the self-confi-dence to admit that the governance of late 20th-century Britain has been profoundly influenced by the decision of France and Germany, backed by the United States and most of Germany's neighbours, to develop supranational government

But the EU finds itself at a crossroads. Its system is a higgledy-piggledy hybrid, combining purely federal elements, such as the European Court of Justice, with less integrated decision-making in which national governments retain their right of veto. Since the Single European Act of 1986 and the fall of the Berlin Wall, ordinary voters have expressed increasingly open doubts about the ultimate target of uniting Europe and about

the means being used to achieve that end. Undaunted, the architects of the Maastricht treaty set an apparently irreversible timetable for the launch of a single currency by at least some of the EU's states in January 1999.

If the euro is born on schedule, the currency's success or failure will shape British politics for a generation. History provides no example of a multilateral monetary union that has survived without a matching political union. The states that fuse their currencies will have to find a more effective system than the present one to keep governments in step with each other. The potential of the single currency to tighten the political unity of Europe is therefore immense. But since not all EU states can qualify to join, the power of



guide to election issues THE POLITICS

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monetary union to divide is also enormous.

Yet Britain's political class maintains an eerie silence on the issue of principle. All three parties are committed to referendums in the

A back-door exit for Chancellor Norman Lamont in September 1992 as interest rate turnoil led to ejection from the ERM

joining. Neither main party will ask, let alone answer, the basic question: is the redistribution of power involved in currency union right or wrong?

Tory ministers, with the sole and notable exception of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, convey the unambiguous impression that a Tory Cabinet would not join the first wave of states in 1999, but that membership has never been ruled out. Shadow ministers have kept their options open, but the underlying trend in Labour policy has been gradually to assure voters that a Blair government will make no sudden leap to join the single currency. That impression was hardened by the Labour manifesto's carefully toned remark that "formidable obstacles" stand in the

way of Britain joining the first wave of countries adopting the euro. Robin Cook went furthest when he said early in the campaign that the decision is unlikely in the next Parliament.

Debate over the euro has overshadowed the torpid Brussels talks to revise the Maastricht treaty. The government elected on May I will have six weeks before the revision is due to be completed. Labour says that it would consid-

er majority voting decisions on "certain areas" of social, industrial. regional and environment policy. But these exclude taxation — Labour is therefore not committed to ending the deadlock over an EUwide carbon energy tax - and are conditional on the voting system being reformed to give greater weight to large states such as Britain. France and Germany. Labour's most distinctive promise remains its pledge to take Britain into the social chapter. What unites Britain's two main

parties on Europe remains more important than what divides them. Both believe that nation states remain the focus of people's loyalries and the basic building blocks of the system. Both are undecided about the single currency. Both are opposed to altering the treaty so as to make the formation of a "hard core" inside the EU easier. Both have little time for the idea that the EU should become a single global power in foreign policy and de-fence. Both would like to shift the EU's priorities away from the Franco-German agenda. In the end this convergence will matter more than the disagreements.

### THE POLITICIANS

#### MALCOLM RIFKIND Age: 50

**Education:** George Watson's College and Edinburgh University.

Family: married, one son.

Politics: once rather "wet" on issues such as Europe and gently sympathetic to Scottish devolution; now making sceptical noises about Europe and firmly opposed to devolution. Unable to shake the suspicions that he has trimmed to suit the prevailing wind and not out of conviction.

Performance: thoroughly determined Scottish lawyer but without long-term vision or the political clout to

#### ROBIN COOK Age: 51

Education: Aberdeen Grammar School and Edinburgh University.

Family: married with two sons. His wife, Margaret, is a hospital consultant. One of his sons helps to compile his father's racing tips col-umn for a Scottish news-

Politics: Tribunite Left.

veering to Centre. By new Labour standards, sceptical about EU in general and single currency in particular. While robustly defending the Blairite line, always manages to leave the lingering impression that he incline further leftwards.



heal wounds caused by the single currency. Failed to convince Cabinet that the "beef war" would be a diplomatic



Performance: despite the appearance of an irritable ginger-haired gnome, he terrifies Tories by the use of sharp, sardonic aggression at the dispatch box.

# Reality has failed to match the rhetoric

IN THE 18 years since the Conservatives were elected, Western Europe's political classes have grown used to poking their noses into their neighbours' business. A technocratic elite now links Brussels with other capitals in the European Union, and it is commonplace for bankers, civil servants and MPs across the Union to follow in detail the ups and downs of Helmut Kohl's plan to reform German pensions or the fate of Romano Prodi's "euro-tax" in Italy.

British politicians have been poor at networking on the Continent. Ministers in the Foreign Office who speak a second European language are the exception - let alone ministers at other departments. The adversarial habits of the House of Commons breed indifference to the coalition-building culture of continental politics.

Linked to partners whose long-term aim of European political and economic unification they did not share, British governments have long sought ways of avoiding the issue of Europe's destination.

that elusive overlap of interests was found. Margaret Thatcher fought pitched battles over the British contribution to the Brussels budget which allowed her to claim victory in her campaign to "get my money back". But Mrs Thatcher was lulled into a sense of false security. By the mid-1980s, Chancellor Kohl of Germany and François Mitterrand in France were quietly cementing a partnership determined to set Western Europe's agenda. Britain raised no objection to the appoint-

#### THE RECORD

technocrat called Jacques Delors as President of the European Commission.

Britain's businessmen were enthusiastic about M Delors' first big idea — bringing down the remaining barriers to an open market across 12 economies. Many businesses grew steadily more dependent on trade and cross-border investment in the European market. creating a commercial constituency now split about the merits of the single currency but united in fear of British disengagement from the EU.

The lukewarm attitude of

union can be traced back to the trauma of Britain's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) between 1990 and 1992. The Bundesbank privately warned John Major, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, that sterling was entering the system at an unsustainably high rate, and was proved right. Sterling's September 1992, was also triggered by men from the Bundesbank. British ministers had been unyielding in their insistence that the British economy had to follow the German mark, keeping interest rates high, even in the face of business collapses. Overnight. Cabinet ministers were converted to the opposite philosophy by events beyond their control. The Government has never recovered from the

blow to its authority. The economic costs and benefits of Europe differ huge-

ly between separate sectors of matically be excluded from the the economy. Smaller busi-nesses which do not export are likely to have resented the ERM. Larger, multinational industrial groups concentratbusiness and wider public ed in export trade emphasise the benefits of pan-European opinion towards monetary regulation and a regulated, frontier-free market of 380 million people from the Arctic

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to the Aegean. Europhile politicians point out that in value terms, the EU market is 14 times the size of the American market and 25 times as large as the Japanese. Sceptics say that the opportunities of the next generation lie above all - which grow at three or four times the rate of

stagnant European rivals. The true costs and benefits of the EU to the British economy lie in between. The table (below right) discloses the plain and unexciting truth that Britain's economic health does not depend on the EU. but that complete withdrawal would involve enormous dislocation. The figures tell us little about what economic damage staying outside a single currency might do. since Britain would not automarket. But many businessmen fear that an economic and political "core" Europe would slowly push British firms to the margins, depriving them of opportunities for mergers and acquisitions.

Mr Major has made great play with the claim that Britain's opt-out from the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty protected the country from expensive, job-destroying EU law. Although no comprehensive survey is possible, a majority of business opinion seems to agree with him; there is no strong lobby outside the

social chapter. But Mr Major often expresses his claim in ways which undermine his own case. He has said that joining the social chapter would cost half a million jobs but has produced no calculations to support the claim.

He does not always grasp that the opt-out gives Britain some protection from some EU social law, not complete insulation from all such legislation. He often implies that the opt-out encourages foreign investment to come to Britain

rather than to other EU states. There is little hard evidence to support that. The risks posed by the social chapter lie in its potential to add costs: but so far it has imposed few. Britain's competitive advantage is that British labour law has been reformed to cut the costs of employing Britons as against the cost of hiring

French or German workers.

Much debate about, "common foreign and security policy" has also revealed a large gap between reality and rheto-British governments believe that integrating the foreign policies of substantial. been possible by the methods used to merge economies. In 1991, Douglas Hurd was a lone advocate among European foreign ministers of this unremarkable contention. By this year and after the EU's stumblingly ineffectual han-

the British position is widely. if discreetly, accepted.

Not all collective action is a waste of time. The EU states negotiate as a single body in world trade negotiations and gain greater clout from their strength of numbers. But the

dling of the Bosnian civil war.

lack of commonly agreed purpose and a common military force disables the EU's ambition to be a superpower.

Possibly the greatest disap-pointment in Britain's European policy of the past few years has been the Government's failure to press a powerfully argued case for admitting Central European states to the EU. If the original high moral purpose of European integration was to entrench democracy and to lower the risk of war by progressive economic and social intermingling of societies. then the lowering of the Iron

a chance to relaunch itself. British ministers, besiege by sceptics who wanted redblooded hostility to everything across the Channel, lost interest in becoming advocates for making Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic early members of the EU. Herr Kohl, who wants the single currency to take precedence over EU enlargement, has successfully discouraged grand-standing on the issue. The next government has an opportunity to rectify this sad

☐ Britain's net contribution to the EU budget for 1995 (the latest year available) was £2.86 billion, the highest contribution of any member state except Germany, whose payment was III billion.

☐ Large EU states have served notice that they want to alter the majority voting quotas which load the system in favour of smalller states. Belgium, with a population about one eighth the size of Germany's, has half Germany's voting weight.

☐ The next government will face two major European summits within weeks of taking office: the EU

heads of government meet-

ing in Amsterdam June 16-17, which is supposed to settle the revisions of the Maastricht treaty, and the Nato summit in Madrid on July 8, which should invite selected central European states to join the alliance.

☐ A recent opinion poll asked whether people thought they would be better or worse off in ten or 20 vears if their countries were using a single currency. In France 53 per cent of respondents said that they would better off and only 18 per cent thought that they would fare worse. In both Germany and Britain, respondents thought they would be worse off by ratios

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### CONSERVATIVES



Vision: EU should be a "partnership of nation states". Nation state remains a "rock of security", and is the basic building block of the European system and gives a sense of belonging.

EMU: Cabinet ministers paying lip service to "wait and see" vary greatly in practice across a range of viewpoints. In constituency election ad-dresses many candidates have broken with official policy, using anti-EMU formulas on a scale from tepid reluctance to visceral hostility.

Maastricht II: no increase in majority voting or the powers of the European Parliament. No direct EU control of the Western European Union defence group. Pragmatic reform of European Court of Justice.

Enlargement: in favour of admitting Central European states, but warning that common agricultural policy and regional subsidies will have to be drastically cut. "Core" Europe: any arrangements to allow inner groups to press ahead must be open to all and agreed by all

### LABOUR



Vision: an alliance of independent nations choosing to co-operate to achieve the goals they cannot achieve alone. "We oppose a European federal superstate." Promises to give Britain "leadership in Europe". EMU: retain British opt-out and make "complex and difficult judgment" on basis of "hard-headed

assessment of economic reality". Staying out would grow harder if success of euro provoked pressure for British membership.

Maastricht II: limited extension of majority voting conditional on new voting weight for large states. Will join social chapter. No significant change to joint foreign policy: hostile to European army. Will not relax British

immigration control. Enlargement: enthusiastic about Central European membership. EU expansion planned as major theme of British EU presidency in first half of next year.

"Core" Europe: hostile in principle, but recent pragmatic

### LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



a decentralised federal United Kingdom within a decentralised federal European Union. Britain must show leadership in

state of affairs.

Europe. EMU: it is in Britain's interests to join as and when monetary union begins. Britain and its economy can only suffer by staying outside the single currency and will in any case be forced to run economic policy in parallel with the euro zone.

Maastricht II: extend majority voting but not to treaty changes or the EU budget. Open secretive Council of Ministers to public. Extend amending and blocking powers of European Parliament. Reduce numbers of European Commissioners.

Enlargement: EU should be "wider and deeper" and moved by the "spirit of enlargement". EU may well expand to 25 members in next decade.

"Core" Europe: Franco-German plan incompatible with the spirit of enlargement.

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### Severe spring frost takes a hefty nip out of southern French vineyards

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FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

WINE growers in southeast France estimate that up to 80 per cent of the expected grape harvest in certain parts of the Var and the Drome may be lost after an exceptionally severe frost struck the region.

The sudden cold snap will reduce the volume of Cotes-du-Rhône this year by between 10 and 20 per cent, the Comité Interprofessionnel de Côtes-du-Rhône said yesterday, although exports are not expected to be affected. The volume of Côtes de

Provence, Coteaux Varois and Coteaux d'Aix will also be reduced. As a wave of cold air swept across the region, the temperature fell to -5C (23F) on the night of April 17. The resulting frost blackened vines. particularly vulnerable as they were three weeks more advanced than usual at this time of year after

a mild and sunny spring.
One of the hardest-hit appellations will be Coteaux du Tricastin. with up to 80 per cent of the vines burnt by frost. "Everywhere you look there is desolation," lamented the proprietor of 22 hectares (54

acres) of vinyards at Suze-la-Rousse in the Drôme, which produces Coteaux du Tricastin and Côtes du Rhone. "It is completely done for. There is not a single bud left which is green," added the local mayor, Michel Rieu, himself a wine

Seven thousand hectares of vineyards producing Côtes-du-Rhône out of a total of 43,500 hectares have been affected by the frost,

In the Vaucluse, the situation was the same, with more than a third of vineyards suffering from tempera-tures as low as -7C. Châteauneufdu-Pape, Gigondas and Vacquey-ras are among the wines included in the estimated loss of 500,000 hectolitres (1) million gallons).

In the Var alone, where 20 communities were affected, the loss is estimated at 80 million francs (E8.8 million). More than 10 per cent of the region's annual production representing about 200,000 hectolitres has been lost, including 100,000 hectolitres of Côtes de Provence, about a quarter of the expected yield. Exports of Côtes-du-Rhône are not expected to be affected as there are significant Nor, according to Marie-Pierre Delpeuch, a spokesperson for the Comite, will the quality of the wine

However, the harvest will be made more difficult for growers as they must now distinguish between those vines which were affected by the frost, whose grapes will ripen more slowly, and those which escaped. "As a result, many growers will have to harvest twice this year. It is going to be very complicated for them," said Mme Delpeuch, A crisis group was set up in the region

to estimate the damage and to investigate the possibility of financial compensation for the wine growers, who last night were lamenting what they described as a

"financial catastrophe". Fruit growers in the Drome were also severely affected by the adverse weather conditions. The commun ity of Tain L'Hermitage suffered the worst with farmers predicting that more than 80 per cent of the local crop of apricols, cherries and pears had been ruined.

Photograph, page 28

### Unicef condemns plight of young in Eastern Europe

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A MILLION children are in care in Eastern Europe, hundreds of thousands live on the streets, drug and alcohol abuse among adolescents has reached record levels, and abandoned offspring are increasingly ending up as prostitutes or as victims of paedophiles

That was the dismal picture drawn by Unicef yesterday in a 170-page report charting the fate of children in post-communist countries since 1989 The composite picture of a destroyed generation suggests that children had it rather better under communism. "In many ways they are worse off now, and this is a scandal, admitted the principal author. Gaspar Faith.

Unicef emphasises that it was not advocating a turning-back of the political clock. "If you compare the material situation of children then and now, you could say they were better off," said John Micklewright, a fund official. "But this does not mean that communism is better for children. These are countries in transition, and the question is where they end up — as relatively more hostile to children. as in Latin America, or more friendly, as in Western

The report indicates that children are being abandoned on a massive scale. Divorces

and remarriage rates have plunged the most in the Baltic Caucasian countries, where in some cases the number of marriages has dropped by half," the report

The breakdown of communism introduced the region to mass unemployment: 4.8 million jobs have disappeared in Central Europe since 1989, 2.2 million in southeast Europe, and 13.2 million in Russia and

> worse off now than under communism. This is a scandal 7

6 Children are

the former Soviet Union. There are huge income differentials. The number of children living in poverty has risen drastically in the past six years. This has hit nutritional standards, increasing the prevalence of stunted growth. Neglect is also a problem, with parents trying to hold down several jobs. Bulgaria estimates that four in five children have no after-school supervi-

Sexually transmitted diseases are on the increase among 14 to 17-year-olds, especially in the Baltic states, and the countries in the western part of the former Soviet Union. Syphilis is common in the region, after being virtually eradicated in the 1980s. The number of alcohol-related problems among Russian adolescents has jumped from 14.8 per 1,000 youths in 1990 to 27.3 in 1994. Marijuana smoking and glue-sniffing have become common to most schools.

Between 1989 and 1995. juvenile delinquency has in-creased. Shops in Warsaw have been selling out of baseball bats bought by combative rather than sporting Polish adolescents.

The growing number of street children has also encouraged the sexual exploitation of minors. In Riga, the Latvian capital, only 6 per cent of prostitutes were under the age of 15 in 1989. Now 24 per cent are minors. More than 1,000 Romanian boys are working as prostitutes in Berlin.

Unicef is urging the govern-ments of the East not to neglect social welfare in their difficult transition to market economy. The charity is pressing for new systems of family support and child protection services. Child welfare services on the British model



Children squeezed into a small dormitory at an orphanage in Targoviste, Romania

### **Coalition intact** as Netanyahu placates critics

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL's Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, yesterday reinforced his reputation as the Houdini of politics by emerging from the country's most serious scandal with his political strength undiminish-

As the Jewish state prepared for last night's start of the Passover holiday, all leading members of Mr Netanyahu's ruling coalition who had threatened possible resignation vowed to continue backing his hardline Likud Government, maintaining its comfortable tally of 66 seats in

the 120-member Knesset. The potential rebels within and beyond Likud claimed that Mr Netanyahu had been vindicated by the decision of the country's two senior law officers not to press charges of fraud and breach of trust recommended in a 995-page police report, which briefly threatened to plunge the country into a divisive June

Two senior Likud Cabinet

members - Dan Meridor, the Finance Minister, and Limor Livnat, the Communications Minister — withdrew threats of resignation, demonstrating their agreement with Zevulun Hammer, the leader of the National Religious Party, a key coalition partner, who said: "The Government has the right to exist. It is not any worse than others from a moral point of view.

Similar statements of support for Mr Netanyahu, 47, Israel's first directly elected

Way and the Russian immigrants' party, Israel B'Aliya, which between them control II Knesset seats and which had indicated they might pull out. After party meetings, they

pledged their intention to stay in the coalition, making its political position impregnable despite repeated calls from the main opposition Labour Party for new elections.

Avigdor Kahalani, the former war hero who founded The Third Way, quashed any lingering Labour hopes when he said in response to the 75page report by the Attorney-General and the State Attorney: "I am glad the matter is behind us."

In a barnstorming series of television performances. Mr Netanyahu brushed aside many of the doubts raised by the report, which said his actions concerning Roni Bar-On, the Jerusalem criminal lawyer who was named Attorney-General, a post he vacated after only 12 hours, "raised bewildering questions".

The Prime Minister said: "The bottom line is, I did not commit any crime, and the Attorney-General confirmed that. I think, and so do the majority of the people, that this affair is behind us."

His reading of the political pulse was supported by a poll in the Tel Aviv daily newspaper, Yediot Ahronot, conducted after the prosecutors' report. It found 58 per cent of Israelis supported Mr Netanyahu's determination not to

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### Mining giants sign \$3bn-a-year deals with Zairean rebels

MINING multinationals have signed billion-dollar deals for mineral rights with Laurent Kabila, Zaire's rebel leader. to get ahead in what is being billed as "the second scramble

Mining giants such as De Beers and American Mineral Fields have contracted to develop Zaire's mineral deposits which are worth at least \$3 billion (£1.8 billion) a year for copper, cobalt, gold, zinc and diamonds with the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, cutting the legally recognised picture.

Executives with the firms said that they are happy to be doing business with the rebels, who control all of Zaire's mineral resources other than its offshore oil fields, because they do not ask for bribes.

De Beers has also ditched its relationship with the fastcrumbling regime of President Mobutu and signed up with

the rebels to get involved in a \$500 million a year diamond business. The unusual alliance between big business and revolutionaries, many of whom were Chinese-trained Maoists and Marxists in their youth, has been accepted by Western governments, who see Mr Kabila as a man to lead Zaire out of three decades of corruption and staggering

This week American Mineral Fields signed three con-tracts worth \$885 million which would give the mining house access to the vast metal reserves of Shaba province.

Other multinationals have been asked to provide satellite telephones to the rebels, who have argued that without them they would be unable to negotiate mineral rights deals internationally.

Unlike the days when President Mobutu farmed Zaire's economy as a personal cash cow, the businessmen said that there was no smell of

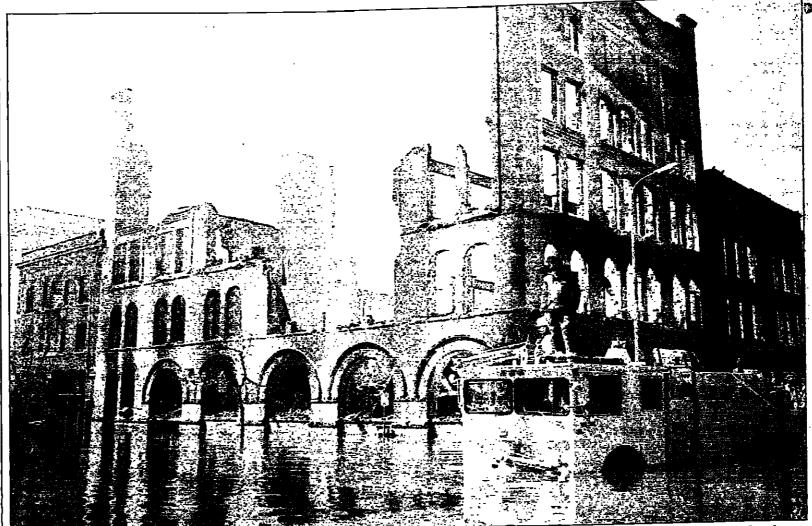
corruption in meetings with the rebel financial chiefs. Michael McMurrough, chief American Mineral Fields, said: "AMF has not paid anyone anything.

Kenneth MacLeod, president of International Panorama Resource Corporation of Vancouver, said: "We are going to capitalise on the current strife by increasing our presence and our land holdings in the country."

Another mining magnate

based in Johannesburg gave

the second scramble a historic twist: "Cecil Rhodesmust be spinning in his grave at the opportunities he is missing." pended operations in Rwandan refugee camps last night after an outbreak of looting, murder of local people and attacks on foreign journalists and aid workers by Zairean mobs. The Zaireans blamed Rwandan Hutu militiamen



Firefighters near the Security Building, part of one of three city centre blocks to be destroyed by fire in Grand Forks at the weekend

### Flooded city takes stock after inferno

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

GRAND FORKS in North snow, and the handful of Dakota, battered by floods and fire, has been left looking like a scene from wartime Dresden. Three blocks of the town were destroyed by a blaze that firemen, stranded by the flooding Red River. were unable to reach. They even tried taking fire engines into the area on the back of flatbed lorries, but failed.

Police said that 90 per cent of the city's 50,000 residents. including hospital patients, had been moved to higher ground. More than 10 square miles of the state's second biggest conurbation were inundated after heavy spring rains and melting of record

people left in their homes were praying, awaiting rescue, or, in one or two cases, defiantly flying the Stars and Stripes. Grand Forks city centre was

sitting in up to 7ft of stinking. sewage-tainted water but that did not prevent the fire spreading. The II destroyed buildings included a bank, offices, llats and the headquarters of the Grand Forks Herald. The cause of the fire was unknown. was finally doused by helicopters, which dropped a mixture of chemicals and yet

President Clinton is to visit

### Whitewater prosecutor seeks longer inquiry

inquiry gains further momen-tum this week (Tom Rhodes writes). Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, is expected to seek a six-month extension for a federal grand jury investigating the alleged involvement of President and Hillary Clinton in illegal

transactions in Arkansas. Mr Starr's decision comes amid reports of repeated contact between Bruce Lindsey. the President's closest confidant, and Webster Hubbell. the former Justice Department official convicted of fraud, who is alleged to have received money to keep silent about Whitewater. At the time, both were key witnesses

in the case. The jury was due to dishand at the beginning of next month but the extension, which must be granted by the court in Little Rock, would retain its 23 members until the end of November.



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Saddam

to flout

flight ban

Nicosia: Iraq declared yester-day that it would flout a no-fly zone imposed by American and British warplanes by

sending helicopters to collect

"sick and exhausted" pilgrims

returning from Mecca (Mich-

Saddam Hussein also issued a warning that threats to

the pilgrims safety would be

met with the suitable re-

sponse to deter aggression".

The White House said it

would, if necessary, respond

"appropriately, but we're not going to shoot down civilian helicopters".

Hong Kong: Forty soldiers of the Chinese People's Libera-

tion Army arrived in Hong

Kong yesterday, the advance

party of the 10,000 troops who

will replace the British garri-

son on July I (Jonathan

Mirsky writes). The soldiers

will start preparing barracks

for the garrison, the first

mainland unit in Hong Kong

for more than 150 years, and

make logistical arrangements.

Troops arrive

ael Theodoulou writes).

### \*Chirac announces early poll to gain mandate for EMU

PRESIDENT CHIRAC last night announced early parliamentary elections in an attempt to give his Gaullist-led Government a clear mandate to lead France into Europe's single currency.

in an unprecedented constimove, M Chirac brought the election forward by a year. The first round will be on May 25, the second a week later. Speaking on television last night, he offered a passionate explanation, saving that the "interest of the country commands that we advance the elections".

Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, will head the centreright majority's campaign, pledging cuts in state spend-

ing and taxes. However, the campaign will be dominated by Europe, with M Chirac and M Juppé determined that France is ready for the single currency in 1999.

essential," he told voters.

Lionel Jospin, the opposi-

### Gaullists gamble on decisive win

EUROPE will weigh heavily in the French legislative elections called yesterday by President Chirac, and the elections will weigh heavily on Europe.

A decisive victory for the ruling centre-right coalition would be certain to accelerate moves towards monetary union and political integration. Any other result would fuel the doubts hanging over the single currency and the intergovernmental conference on the reform of European

Most opinion polls say the Gaullist-led majority is likely to win. But none of France's mainstream leaders can claim to be respected by a volatile electorate, which could turn either to the Socialist-led opposition or anti-European protest parties. The Socialists want to renegotiate monetary union and the protest movements want to scrap it.

Given the uncertainty, yesterday's decision represents a bold gamble. M Chirac's job is secure until the next presi-dential election in 2002, but if liamentary majority, the President would have to share France for monetary union.

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the performance of minority parties such as Jean-Marie Le Pen's extreme right-wing Nat-ional Front, which is opposed to the Maastricht treaty. With key decisions on mone-According to an opinion poll

tary union and the reform of European institutions to be taken over the next year, France needed a strong Government. "In order to approach these deadlines from a position of strength ... your agreement and support are

tion Socialist party's leader, has promised to renegotiate monetary union to implement expansionist economic policies

ANALYSIS

power with the Socialists.

Under the French constitu-

tion, the head of state can

dissolve parliament at any

time. Yet no President has

used his power in this way

before. Legislative elections

have always been called imm-

ediately after a presidential

election or during a major

crisis. The Gaullists must

convince the electorate that it

was necessary to break with

tradition and call the polls for

With M Chirac likely to

will be left to Alain Juppé, the

government to lead the coun-

they were due to be held.

tion, the Prime Minister and his Cabinet represent the ma-jority in the National Assembly, even if they oppose the President. M Chirae could, therefore, find himself involved in a difficult cohabitation with M Jospin until his term of office ends in 2002.

The head of state, who wanted to announce the snap lection on Thursday, was forced to confirm his decision yesterday after it was widely leaked. His opponents will accuse him of opportunism. pointing out he is the first President in the Fifth Republic to dissolve the National Assembly for "his own conve-nience". They believe the Government is planning further spending cuts this year.

Minister. The result of the

election could also hinge on

in yesterday's Le Figaro, the

Gaullist-led Government is

likely to win a majority of the

577 seats in the National

The coalition formed by M

Chirac's Gaullists and the

centrist UDF movement won a crushing majority in the 1993

legislative elections as voters

abandoned left-wing parties

dogged by sleaze allegations.

Under the French constitu-

M Jospin said: "If the majority was confident of the success of its policies, it would wait calmly for the elections in a year." M Le Pen, who a month's time, a year before yesterday earned widespread condemnation for his descripstep above the political fray, it tion of the Nazi gas chambers as "a detail of history", said: Prime Minister, to explain The President is afraid that that France needs a strong 1998 will be full of threats."

However, M Chirac's coalitry into the intergovernmental tion will argue that its reforms conference and single currenare vital for France's future. cy. He says his Government He said France needed a farwill have greater authority in reaching reform of the state to European negotiations if it. make possible a cut in public has a clear electoral mandate. spending, the only way to However, the ruling coalireduce taxes and welfare tion will mind its words over charges which weighed too Europe. Many Gaullist voters heavily on citizens and disare hostile towards the single couraged initiative. "We must currency and angry about austerity budgets to prepare go further along the road to change," M Chirac said.



The body of Lenin, which has been returned to public display in his mausoleum in Red Square after a threenonth course of treatment by embalmers.

As the remains of the founder of the Soviet state underwent a series of chemical baths in the specially designed underground lab-

### Lenin back on display

oratory adjoining the mar-ble mausoleum in Moscow. burial of the remains, both on grounds of common dea debate raged in Russia over his final resting place (Robin Lodge writes). A growing number of liberal politicians have been demanding the removal and

cency and as a gesture of renunciation of Russia's Soviet past. But Communists and other members of the old guard argue that such a

trayal for millions of Russians and a denial of the country's history and heritage. A Communist resolution last month denouncing any attempt to move the body as an act of vandalism failed to gain a majority. President Yeltsin has sug-

gested there should be a

### Internet charges

Rosenheim: A German couple are to stand trial for offering through the Internet to provide children for sexual torture to sadomasochist paedophiles. They are alleged dence. Political uncertainty in to have said they could arrange the kidnapping rape and other sexual abuse of children for money. Murder would cost extra. (AFP)

#### Royal rejection

Stockholm: King Carl XVI Gustaf, 50, has upset Sweden's Freemasons and broken a 200-year tradition by refusing to succeed his late uncle, Prince Bertil, as the organisation's Grand Master, Expressen, the Swedish daily newspaper, reported. (AFP)

### Pakistan endorses new Delhi leader

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S twelfth Prime Minister, Inder Kumar Gujral, was sworn in yesterday at the presidential palace in Delhi to the uncommon sound of accolades from all countries in the region, even Pakistan.

No choice of leader for South Asia's superpower could have been more popular with Islamabad. Its warm message represented a rare sign of hope that the two nations could embark on serious attempts at conciliation for the first time since their

last war — the third — in 1971. Mr Gujral has given Indo-Pakistan relations top priority and can be expected to seek an early dialogue with Nawaz Sharif, his Pakistani opposite number, with whom he has a good personal relationship. home province of Punjab in 1919 and retains family links there. His wife, too, was born in what is now Pakistan - in Lahore, the Punjabi capital.

The Prime Minister's office in Islamabad hoped that Mr Gujral's "welcome" appointment, to be confirmed in parliament today, would lead to better relations. Almost every Pakistani newspaper welcomed the appointment.

Mr Guiral, 77, made it clear last night that he would press for the opening of cross-border trade, all but non-existent now. He was sure of success. In a recent interview with The Times, he said he had "emotional" feelings towards Pakistanis because of his background and wanted relations normalised in his lifetime.

India had a vested interest in a strong, stable and prosperous Pakistan because any fire in a neighbour's house was bound to spread. The aim should be to tackle the least controversial issues, such as trade and visa restrictions, and use them to build confi-

Delhi has made Islamabad reluctant to consider any conciliatory gestures - such as demilitarisation of the disputed Siachen Glacier - and it may still feel that the 13-party United Front coalition is too unstable for bold decisions. Mr Sharif is Pakistan's

strongest elected leader; he has a two-thirds parliamentary majority, Islamic hard-liners are sidelined, and the army appears committed to democracy. There has never been a better opportunity for Pakistan to offer concessions.

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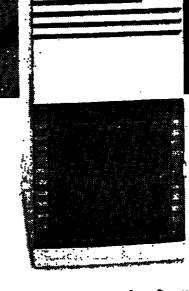
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# **Taking** marriage for granted is the essential thing

In part two of our series on marriage, John Bayley, husband to Iris Murdoch for 40 years, reflects that the point of being married lies in its permanence

#### **GROWING OLD TOGETHER**

n Anthony Powell's superbly constructed novel sequence A Dance to the Music of Time, there is a good deal about marriage, both in terms of commentary and example.

Marriage, he ruminates, can be investigated and explained. but it is doubtful if an existing marriage can be described directly in the first person and convey a sense of reality. One cannot, in fact, define the distinctive "marriedness" of one's own arrangement, though one can have a shot, as Powell does admirably, at conveying an idea of how two other people are getting on in the

Marriage, Powell concludes, contains "a hundred dual antagonisms and participations — the moods of a love affair, the contradictions of friendship, the jealousy of business partners, the fellowfeeling of opposed commanders in total war".

It sounds a strenuous business, and in a way no doubt it is. Its pains can be defined more easily than its pleasures. and Powell is not the only novelist to have charted those pains both hilariously and gruesomely. Dr Johnson was surely wrong, too, in remarking that although "marriage has many pains, celibacy has no pleasures". Celibacy has lots of pleasures, which can be catalogued much more easily than those of marriage, and for that reason are, in the end, perhaps less worth having. Marriedness, therefore, ex-

ists as a separate state only in so far as you don't try to define it. You must look at it mystically, or negatively, ticking off the things that are ultimately irrelevant to it, such as sex and



John Bayley and his wife Iris Murdoch have always listened to The Archers with a common sense of absurdity; even the pigs can provide them with a source of amusement

ried to be very successful at these related activities. Two people can live together for years, have a perfect sex life and a number of children, and yet have no idea what marriage is all about. Merely living with someone, as Powell notes in Memoirs, is quite a different experience, which, by apparently imitating it, paradoxically falsifies the idea of marriage. You must do the real thing to find out what it is. Those who are married in all but name are apt to be too conscious of their relationship

to take it for granted. And taking it for granted is the essential thing. Of all the gruesome misunderstandings about matrimony the most

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sinister is that the partners have to work on it". No doubt, because their social codes still discourage promiscuity while allowing frequent changes of marriage, the Americans tend to be conscientious workers in the marriage field. Like jogging, this has to be done regularly, and usually in public. There is also the

spectre of progression. "Our marriage wasn't getcomplaint or an excuse often made by individuals or couples who have abandoned the previous arrangement and are preparing to embark on a second trial. But

again, the essence

of marriage is surely that it is both permanent and static one of cessity of getting to know her those things you can't do anything about. To consider doing something could mean that the whole thing may

begin to come to pieces. Before the divorce laws, this permanence of "the knot there's no untying" was taken for granted: and there is a sense in which modern marriage can never really be marriage at all, because although it may be formalised it nonetheless remains a volunthing for practical purposes; the marriage state, however, does suggest something rather

It can begin by a meeting with fate - an obscure realisation that the moment of destiny has arrived. I first saw my

The pains

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wife as she laboriously pedalled an ancient bicycle past the college in north Oxford where I was living. It was a thoroughly nasty and looked cold, depressed and preoccupied. None the

trumpets seemed to

Wagnerian

pleasures' sound and i could think of nothing but the absolute neas soon as possible. I found she was a philosophy don at the college next door. I was still virtually a student. She was six years older and quite

uninterested in getting married, least of all to me. A wedding did eventually take place, however; and after it I can recall very distinctly the strange relief of finding that my "fiancee" appeared to be quite different, seeming to take for granted that all the fuss was now over. From now on we should each do what we wanted to do, but in a different way. Our solitude, as it were, existed on a more friendly

There was no need to do anything about this, to get to know each other inside marriage, to suppose or pretend a wish for more of the other's company. Politicians or business people who announce that they are giving something or other up to "spend more time with their wives and families" always sound singularly unconvincing, as if indeed, as Powell put it, they were failing to convey any true sense of reality. One may indeed want to be with someone — a wife or a husband but to say that you do in public

is always suspect. Married intimacy is not only secretive but mainly a matter of humour. Probably the whole business is comic from the start, and recognition of this is one of its greatest and most beneficent relaxations. It is certainly a help to find each other funny, part of the healing process of what the Australian poet A. D. Hope subtly referred to as "moving closer

take it, the process by which the closeness of the partner becomes itself something to contemplate happily and comfortably from a distance, like a picture, a work of art or, indeed, a joke. If Othello and Desdemona, or Romeo and Juliet, had been able to have a good laugh, or see each other in the blessed light of humour and comedy, they would most likely not have come to a tragic end. Humour helps to displace sex, and gender, too, and without making these two basic and unalterable things frivolous, removes their implacable quality. An essential aspect of marriage can be to dissolve the difference between men and women: you

umour again is the solvent here. for its origins and response make no distinction between the sexes. Tolstov's characters Vronsky and Anna Karenina are in some wavs archetypal man and woman, but the difference is dissolved in a most touching way right at the end of the novel when Anna, on her way to the station to throw herself under a train, suddenly sees something funny which she and closer apart". He meant, I

which to be.

thinks she will tell Vronsky. Then she realises she won't be seeing him again. It is a moment at which she - and we - suddenly realise, too late, that the now estranged and divided lovers still have a sense of humour in common. My wife and I have always

found The Archers extremely funny for some reason: and we share this sense of absurdity by describing episodes for each other, if one of us happens to have heard them and the other not. In this way even the pigs amuse us. Such a sharing can survive even the breakdowns caused by illness and old age. Mental deterioration may disturb the free-andequal give-and-take of married intercourse. One partne may no longer be able to think or speak as he or she once did But the tenderness of humour and of a joke survives even this deadening interruption of the old relationship. Never mind about "caring": the main thing in a marriage of senility is to retain, from the resources of its past, enough mutual under- 3. standing to produce and pro-long a togetherness of jokes.

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For marital bliss open an account t is 9pm, and your hus-band has just arrived the case. Neither is a MODELS OF MATRIMONY good marriage sim-Professor Fincham

L home. He should have been back an hour ago. Do you accuse him of being selfish and inconsiderate, just like he always is? Or do you commiserate with him about the heavy workload his boss has just dumped on him, and offer him a stiff drink? According to Frank Finch-

am, Professor of Psychology at the University of Wales, Cardiff, and the country's foremost academic authority on marital relationships, the explanation you choose for our spouse's behaviour can influence the future of your marriage. Professor Fincham calls the selfish explanation 'conflict-promoting"; the workload explanation is "relationship enhancing".

"I have conducted four studies which track couples over time, and all showed that the interpretations give rise later on to marital satisfaction or dissatisfaction.

"Unfortunately, there does not seem to be a checklist of what makes a happy mar-riage. In the Sixties, everyone thought good marriages were based on a 'tit-for-tat' model, where good deeds by one spouse were reciprocated by the other. That's simply not

ply a mirror image of what makes a bad marriage. The best model for happy marriages is the bank account model, where a couple builds up an account of goodwill and behaviour, which each draws on from

time to time. "Tit-for-tat, or reciprocal behaviour, is actually a signature of a distressed marriage Spouses get locked into a cycle of conflict. which escalates until one partner finds it unbearable and backs down. This pattern repeats itself because snouses learn it's a good tactic.'

Professor Funcham also spotted something interesting while observing cou-ples talking. The way they behaved towards each other seemed to happen too fast to

He explains: "There's a lot of cognitive processing that we are not aware of." As a result, he decided to investigate the way married people analyse their relationships. The simple study led him to



There is no checklist for a happy marriage

perhaps the most important finding of my career".

Participants were asked to give their reactions, by hitting a button, to 48 words. The list included evocative words such as ice-cream and death. but included four related to relationships: partner, spouse, wife or husband and the name of the participant's spouse. Their reactions were

timed, and varied between

discovered a surprising connection between speed of reaction, and stability of marital satisfaction. Those with the fastest response seemed to have the most consistent level of marital satisfaction, whether they were happy or unhappy. Those with slower responses displayed the greatest swings in happiness. "it's an amazing finding." Professor Fincham says. "We have attitudes to everything, including our partners, and

meeting will access their judgments more readily, and therefore register faster responses. It indicates how close to the surface some attitudes

are. Even differences of a few milliseconds counted." Exactly why being faster on the button is linked to a more consistent level of marital happiness is unclear. But Professor Fincham has a few

ideas. In very simple terms,

those people who view their

spectacles will tend to interpret their partner's behaviour in this light. They take in little new information, and make an almost on-the-spot judgment. So, over time, they seem to be consistently satisfied. Similarly, perhaps people

who always have an uncharitable view of their spouse also tend to evaluate their part ner's behaviour very quickly. As a result, they are consistently dissatisfied. Slower respondents, whose emotions and attitudes are less instantly accessible per-

haps show a more malleable

approach. That would allow

them to interpret their part-

ner's behaviour with less prej-

udice, and therefore experience greater swings in satisfaction levels.

Professor Fincham hopes to track how this accessibility varies over the course of a marriage. He has awarded a grant of £144,000 by the Economic and Social Research Council, and is trying to recruit 200 pairs of newlyweds to assist: to date.

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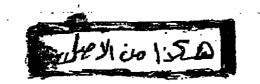
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# 'Regrets? — I've got hundreds'

Having come through the "lost years", Marianne Faithfull is back with a sell-out tour — but no answers to why her life turned out the way that it did. Interview by Noreen Taylor

first met Marianne Faithfull in the late Seventies when she was married to her second husband, punk musician Ben Brierley. Reviews of her album Broken English had described her as a brilliant new discovery. It was so different from the previous decade when, as Mick Jagger's lady, both she and her hit, As Tears Go By, had been treated as inconsequential pop froth.

Both Marianne and Ben were staying in the pretty Buckinghamshire cottage Jagger had bought for her mother. They were heroin addicts. Flaky, fragmented, unkempt creatures, they were unable to concentrate on any topic for very long. After a couple of hours, the interview disintegrated into a rambling gabble. Eventually I left, despairing

for them, convinced "rock star in death overdose" headlines were only months away. I underestimated Marianne. When we met again last week, 17 years on, I reminded her of that first meeting. "Oh, you must tell me all about it. I'm sure I liked you."

The transformation has been extraordinary. Not only in her looks - bright-eyed, sleek, shin-ing hair, black trouser suit, a present from Calvin Klein (Marianne has always had great contacts) — but in the efficiently crisp manner with which she conducts herself.

Only the voice remains the same: a theatrical husk, a tribute to years of brandy and cigarettes. Even her facial scars, a hangover from street life, have an edgy appeal. Compared to the broken rock babe persona of the lost decades, this reincarnation has, y comparison, an almost Thatcherite briskness.

"Pictures. Right! You want me outside, then let's get going. Neil, cigarettes, please dear," she asks the publicist. "Would you mind? Know I'm not going to last." We are in one of the drawing

rooms of a neo-Gothic pile, Braziers Park, near Reading,



Early days: Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithfull in 1967

an educational establishment co-founded 50 years ago by her father. Glyn Faithfull, and where he now lives in retirement. Marianne is visiting him while on the European leg of her An Evening in the Weimar Republic concert tour. The show is a celebration of the music of Kurt Weill and the lyrics of Bertolt Brecht. both long-time passions of Marianne. It has been playing to sell-out audiences across America, and earning ecstatic

reviews describing her as one

rich musical heritage of the

inter-war years. I tell her she looks pleased and at peace with herself. Well, I feel I'm finally doing what I was always supposed to do, except I didn't have that trust in life, so I resisted. I

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Asked to describe herself, she opts for sensitive. "Deeply so, maybe drugs were the only way for me to cope." Regrets? "Hundreds, though I'm not eaten up by them. I try to stay in the here and now.

"If I hadn't wasted so many years, I'd probably be at the point I've reached now, anyway. Should I have taken the planned path, studied music at the Royal Academy, and sung of the finest interpreters of that Mozart for the last

20 years, I'd probably have discovered Weill and still be doing exactly what I am now. instead I chose the empirical route ... Oh Lord I'm sor-" She breaks off

for a moment. her forehead in irritation as though she can't face another question.

"It's just that I feel so inadequate when it comes to explaining myself, my motives. my lost years, my mistakes, my addictions. I don't really have any answers you know.

eople think I must have after what I've been through, but I can't explain myself, or the circuitous journey I took. Sometimes, I quiver in fury at the waste, other times I believe I must have quite liked doing whatever I did. That I have a need for drama has never been in dispute, it's just that I'm unable to come up with reasons for what happened."

She obviously tried. I remind her of Faithfull, the autobiography published three years ago detailing a life that went from living with Jagger in Chelsea splendour to hanging out homeless on top of a Soho wall. "Oh, that book, It was too dark, made everything so traumatic and caused so many problems, especially with my son." Nicholas, 31, her only child, born when she was 19 and married to John Dunbar, is now father of a

four-year-old son, Oscar.
"I mean Nicholas is just here in London doing his life, and my reminiscences were understandably too painful for him. And yes, of course I'm friendly with John, and Ben too, who is now clean and

"Yes, I'm friends with Mick too. And why not? Sharing so much of your life with people you've loved, how can you not be friends? Drugs were my downfall, nothing to do with Mick, who I have a great respect for. Such a talented man, and still writing beautiful songs.

'A few weeks ago in New York he sent a limousine round to pick me up after my show. He wanted me to join him in a studio where he was recording with Charlie and Keith, and we just sat around for hours talking, drinking coffee, enjoying each other. I'm not competing with the Stones anymore you see, so it's cool. I'm out of that equation. In fact most of my audiences don't associate me with Mick and that period. They're too young for all those rock chick

Arriving at the recent Vanity Fair Oscar night party, Marianne was met at the doorway by Bianca Jagger who insisted: "Mick's over there. You've got to go and talk to him."

The three share a history positively operatic with drama. Marianne's suicide attempt and drug habits finally closed her relationship with Jagger. He and Bianca parted after a most acrimonious divorce. Yet there they were huddled together for most of the evening. Since 1985, after six months

of treatment paid for by one of her saviours, Island Records, Marianne has lived mostly in Ireland, in the romantic Shell Cottage, part of the 1.000-acre Carton estate, west of Dublin.

"Shan't be living there anymore," she says. "Cost too much. So I'm going to do

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something I've never done in my life before. I'm going to buy a house, probably by the sea in Co Wicklow. Nothing extravagant, because I don't have lots of money. which is why have to work so house, that'll be my latest joy."

What about love? Men? Had she resigned from those joys? "I used to have a terrible block about falling in love. I'd been hurt so many times that I couldn't allow myself to do so. Being pretty. I used to be so easily manipulated by flattery, then I decided to block it all off for a while. Safety, that's what I thought I wanted. Then you may as well be dead.

"Î'm in love now, since you ask. Very much so, and no. I won't say who he is, although it's quite a big thing. Loving someone and being loved. couldn't do any of that when I was an addict. You see, when you're on drugs you're locked out of everything, including relationships. Your habit is the

only thing that counts,
"Nowadays, I prefer the solitary life. I don't drive, I live in the Irish countryside, so I'd have to have found some measure of peace. I feel completely at home in Ireland, accepted, part of the rhythm. There are too many ghosts in London. I'd feel haunted living there, although I love popping across to see friends, and of course my grandson."

Still a smoker, does she miss drink? "I have the occasional glass of champagne and there are times when only a gin and tonic will do, but no I don't miss any of it. Doctors can't believe how healthy I am. I have to be careful though, I'm always going to have to watch



stay up for four nights and still look wonderful. Not any more. Can't think of anything that would make me stay up all night now. Apart from ... oh, all right then, the right man might make me stay up all

Gales of bawdy laughter follow, reminding you the raver has not been completely eclipsed by the woman, however resolute and business-like she may appear.

Please, I have an aversion to the born-again supposition,"

I've succeeded in doing. During the last two years of my mother's life when I was clean, I don't think she liked me quite as much. Too straight. I used to tell her that finally she was

getting all of me.
"That's what I've ended up with. Nonetheless, I would never dare go around crying victory. To me that would be the greatest folly of all."

 Marianne Faithfull will be performing An Evening at the eimar Republic at the Bloomsbury Theatre. London, from to-morrow until Saturday

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### Major is just not up to the job

Anatole Kaletsky on the Tories'

catalogue of farces and fiascos

hen John Major has to make an important decision, he allegedly takes a blank sheet of paper, draws a line down the middle and lists all the pros and cons on either side. In the last full week of campaigning before the election, it seems appropriate to treat Mr Major the same way. The process is hard to encapsulate in a single article, and every voter's judgment must remain his or her own. Why then am I about to break the habit of a lifetime by discussing my voting intention", as Simon Jenkins wrote on this page last week? Partly, no doubt, because I hope to persuade some readers to agree with me.

The main point of doing this is to explore the central mystery of this election and, indeed, of everything that has happened in British politics over the past few years. There are plenty of reasons why Labour may be elected, not least the vague desire for a change of political scenery after 18 years. But could such inchoate restlessness be enough to impel the greatest electoral landslide for 50 years? Is it why Tony Blair may end up with a bigger majority than Margaret Thatcher or Clement Attlee

ever enjoyed? The answer must This is surely be no. But even supposing that the least people are lying to the pollsters, why electable are they lying in unprecedented num-Government bers? Why are they for 50 years so embarrassed to support the Tories?

What has the Government done to earn such contempt? People are not starving in the streets. The country has not been defeated in war, pace the Eurosceptics. The economy may not be performing brilliantly, but it is certainly doing no worse than five years ago. So what is ship just goes on and on. going on?

Let us return to Mr Maior's blank sheet of paper. On the credit side of the ledger there are numerous worthy achievements to his name: defeating inflation, running a sensible economic policy after Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism, expanding higher education, improving some public services (even while others have been allowed to crumble), steering a pragmatic middle course in relations with Europe, and so on. Most of these achievements would probably be maintained if the Tories were re-elected, despite the infighting and political chaos that would doubtless ensue. On the debit side of the ledger there are major strands of policy which would motivate me, for one, to vote against — the mismanagement of macroeconomics before White Wednesday, the disregard for the public interest in the environment and transport, the total indifference to the widening gap

between rich and poor. I could, of course, add many more policies to both sides of this account. But no listing of policies that I could imagine would be so uneven on the two sides of the ledger as to explain why Mr Major's Government has become the least electable in 50 years. To do that, we must add items of a different the job.

kind to the list. A government is elected not merely to imple-ment the policies it advertised in its manifesto. Policies, on the whole, are invented by boffins and implemented by civil servants. Politicians must, of course, set priorities, but their most important and challenging task, especially in a period of ideological consensus, is not to put forward programmes. but to deal with the unexpected. "Events, old boy, events," as Macmillan famously replied when asked to describe the greatest challenge that any prime minister faced.

The chief executive of a reasonably stable and successful company is usually selected not because of the new corporate strategy he proposes but, rather, on his record of competent management, of appointing and promoting the right people and of reacting to unexpected opportunities and threats.

It is when we come to the random and unpredictable events that have buffeted Mr Major that the two sides of the ledger show a tragicomic asymmetry. The Danish referendum, White Wednesday, the Maastricht paving debate, the Mellor scandal, the sacking of Norman Lamont, the "back to basics" fiasco, the election of

Jacques Santer, the mad cow crisis, the "whipless" Tory rebellion, the bungled Cabinet reshuffles, the Scott report, the scandals over the Child Support Agency and the management of pri-sons, the endless

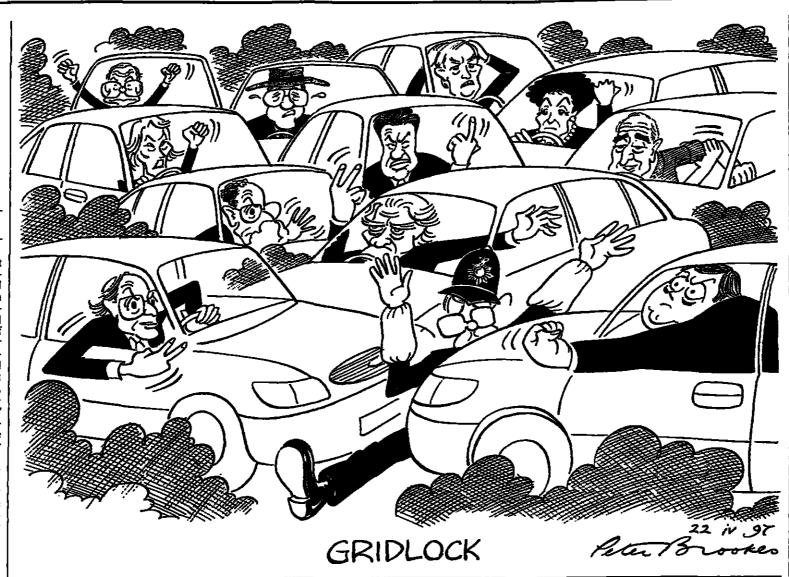
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and impotent assertions of authority, right down to the latest fiascos over Neil Hamilton and free votes on Euronean monetary union -- the catalogue of tactical errors. misjudgments, confusion and pathetically ineffectual leader-

one of these farces and fiascos on its own could explain the public contempt for John Major's Government. But putting them all together shows a pattern of unrelieved incompetence the like of which has rarely been seen before.

While there have been many governments whose deliberate policies have produced worse results for the British people than have Mr Major's, there has never been a government as helpless and incompetent as this one in responding to unexpected pressures and in managing the nation's political affairs from day to day. That, I suspect, is why voters have turned against the Tories in such numbers.

Mr Major is a charming and affable person, who is understandably liked by the voters. But the voters have also realised he is simply incapable of being Prime Minister. If he cannot run the 350 Tory MPs, how on earth can he hope to run the country? Whether Tony Blair will prove a capable Prime Minister is another matter; no one has ever claimed that democracy is a foolproof system for guaranteeing good governments. What democracy can - and must -- do is eject a government that is dearly not up to



# Donors, duty, dread

The headline said "Sentenced to die by my sister", and beside it was a blurred picture of two pretty girls in happier days. "A mother is facing death from leukaemia because her sister refuses to donate her bone

Worse, it was true. Mrs Angela Latham of Blackpool is precariously kept alive by drugs; her bone marrow type is rare and her sister Susan is the only perfect match. Transplant-ation would have a 60 per cent chance of success. But as the hospital record economically puts it. "It is unfortunate that her sister does not like hospitals". Susan Squires came close to donating, but withdrew out of fear. After a period of family estrangement, the patient. Mrs. Latham, chose "to try one last throw of the dice" by deliberately making the story public.

So this is not a case of press intrusion, although there is some thing excruciating in the exposure of details such as the sick woman's young son going round to plead with his Auntie Sue. The family has painfully invaded its own privacy but it may have worked. The next day we were told that Miss Squires is thinking again, particularly as it now transpires that she might not need to go into hospital. One might ask why the doctors originally concerned in this case could not have suggested this without involving us media vultures, but never mind. There may yet be a happy outcome; and if so the staring, blaring press will have

played some part. This will be even more valuable if it makes us reflect how thin is the veneer of casual everyday acceptance in such matters. It is easy to think otherwise: blood donors are taken for granted and barely thanked - indeed, the nation is gruffly told off when supplies run low. Placentas are sold for medical use without anybody even mentioning it to mothers, and every week's news brings a fresh miracle, from donor ova to sections of liver which re-grow in a new body.

Hardly an eyebrow was raised when Nicola Horlick, in the flurry of interviews when she became a wronged celebrity supermother, said that one reason she went on having children was in the hope of producing a perfect marrow donor match for her eldest. There is a vague consensus that any decent person, adult or child, would willingly hand over any

One sister has leukaemia; the other has the right bone marrow but fears hospitals

dispensable part of his or her body to save a life. And of course, many do. There is a large bank of bone-marrow donors, acting out of pure altruism

towards strangers. We determinedly focus on the bright scientific veneer and suppress the old primitive horrors of hospitals and passivity, white coats and needles and knives and anaesthe-tics. Doctors can be downright impatient with anybody who dreads them, so it was heartening to read the compassionate letter to The Times yesterday from Professor Ian Franklin, a consultant in the bone-marrow transplant unit at

Glasgow Royal Infirmary. He boldly spoke up for the reasonable fears and anxieties" of poor Susan Squires, and robustly said that "it would be inappropriate to make light of the general anaesthetic

and post-operative pain that marrow donors must endure". Donors, he says, should be counselled by an independent but knowledgeable

Poor Miss Squires. Such respect and protection was stripped from her by the ineptitude which led to the leukaemia victim, her sister, belittling her fears as "aches and pains", and throwing doubt on her sanity, while her brother-in-law mused aloud about whether a large bribe would change her mind. Their expressed harshness is understandable, because a diagnosis as serious as leukaemia throws whole families into a warlike survival mode in which they would dare or endure anything. This can make them very angry with anybody less burningly committed. Usually their target is the hospital which seems to be withholding expensive treatment, or the cautious doctor who won't put patients in for an untried drug. In the Blackpool case, the target was a scared sister, and it seems that there are few NHS systems or instincts to defuse such conflict. Why else did it take a press splash for the poor woman to be informed that she could

give the stuff at home?

Hospital-phobia and operationphobia are real enough. There are mothers who ask to die rather than undergo Caesareans, women who adopt children rather than endure childbirth, and people who prefer appalling pain to skilful dentistry. The roots of the terror may lie in childhood, in timidity, stupidity, even history. It is not so very long since hospitals were grim and dangerous places. One of my own elderly relatives, drawing on her own parents' Victorian dreads, still besmirches the reputation of this scientific age by pointing to hospitals and intoning

> there - they never come out". When I she observed darkly that she had she bought her remembrance poppy: the connection between the carnage of Mons and the

Them as goes in

plate-glass façade of the maternity hospital was obvious, to her. These things linger on. If you are afraid of hospitals it may not be reasonable but it is perfectly explicable. Hospital revulsion is just the flip side of the hospital fascination which fuels all those TV dramas.

onation and transplantation give another turn to the screw. It is hard enough to have one of those conditions where you go into hospital feeling healthy and are made to feel ill; even harder to submit to "procedures" when neither the illness nor the cure is your own. Those who do it, for either family or strangers, should be given more credit. But if we are to honour the courage of those who lie down and donate, whether in the small matter of blood or the large matter of kidneys, we have to admit how much self-discipline and counter-intuitive faith it takes, even in

those who are not phobic. This is an unpopular thing to do. A few years ago Coronation Street had a rattling good plot going in which Tracey, the bratty teenage daughter of Deirdre Rashid, took a bad party drug and ended up with total kidney

Letters from a huge portfolio of

authors, artists and others come

with the archive. James Mason, on

whether he would be a reliable

godparent; Max Beerbohm apolo-

gising for having mistaken Kaye for a man; Roald Dahl on the fear

of never being asked to sign books

— and many others, including let-ters from Yehudi Menuhin, Peggy

Ashcroft, Laurens van der Post and

After seeing the extensive gra-

phic of Labour's Millbank cam-paign headquarters in this news-

paper yesterday, Alistair Campbell, Blair's press secretary, was on the prowl. "They made out I only had one desk," he told anyone

in earshot. "Actually I've got two

desks." Hence his new epithet:

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failure. By soap-operatic chance, the only possible donor was her mother's new husband, a nice Moroccan boy called Samir to whom Tracey had been consistently foul. It was leaked in advance that Samir would agree to give a kidney, and would die in the process, with pleasingly dramatic effects on the relationship between widowed mother and cured daughter.

There was discreet uproar: donor organisations and the medical profession protested that this was unlikely, and that such a plot would set their cause back years. The milder proposal that Samir die of "a rare allergy to the anaesthetic" was found equally deplorable, so the programme backed off and had him murdered on his way to hospital. The programmemakers do not use the word "pressure" to describe what they experienced, but pressure is all around. Medical science presses us to ventions which even a few decades

ago would have been terrifying to

contemplate. We are taught to have our children's teeth straightened (even, sometimes, jaws reset) for purely aesthetic reasons; to make light of the cutting and pinning of cosmetic surgery, and to consider Caesarean birth as an "option" rather than a last resort. One American clinic famously advertised it as a way "to keep your tubes honeymoon fresh". We are told about women who donate ova as if they were handing over Danish pastries, not undergoing powerful hormonal treatment and invasive surgery. The other day our local news told us of a woman who found an egg donor by putting an advertisement in the

newsagent's window. Thus yesterday's unthinkable becomes today's orthodoxy: so when a young woman so phobic about hospitals that she can't even visit one feels unable to spend two days there and have a tube put in her bone, she is held up to national contumely as the woman who "signed her sister's death-warrant". Unnatural, unfair. Re-reading this, I see that I shall be vilified for encouraging stupid fears.

Never mind. It is not healthy to let any fear stalk about in disguise ashamed to speak its name. You have to see the enemy to fight it, and we may as well. After all, the one sure thing is that before long someone will find a new bit of us that can help the sick. The finger points. It could be a

### **Politics** as an end in itself

MOCRACY

IN APPLICA

Roger Scruton on a new ruling class

of Labour activists

ew Labour came into being because old Labour was feared. You don't win elections by frightening people. Labour's manifesto should be read as a sequence of recantations, each designed to allay one of the anxieties which cost Neil Kinnock the last election. And there is something admirable in the way that Tony Blair has made this via negativa into a shining promise. But the Labour leadership should be sharply distinguished from the Par-liamentary Labour Party. It is the tenor and composition of the party that causes me to think that Labour is still the greater of the evils between which we must shortly choose.

I adhere to an old-fashioned, some would say superannuated. Tory vision. My ideal government is one without ideals, a cheerful but disenchanted government which respects people's independence and assumes that they bear ultimate responsibility for their lives. Politics, to my think ing, ought not to be organised around a social programme, or any pro-gramme not implicit in the idea of government itself. Politics exists in order that the competing interests of the people can be brokered and resolved. Its purpose is neither busi-ness nor social engineering, but the maintenance of social equilibrium and the defence of the realm.

Members of Parliament should not begin their careers in politics, but should come to politics from some other walk of life, and in a spirit of exasperation. They should regard legislation as a painstaking proce-dure, and a solution of last resort to conflicts that ought if possible to be settled by other means. The greatest defects in a Member of Parliament are therefore not those which capture the attention of the tabloids: the human weaknesses which they share with the rest of us and which, when all is said and done, make them into our fit representatives. Their greatest defects are the two which arise from professional politics itself: meddlesomeness and half-education.

My ideal party is not fired by the ambition to reform institutions, but by a desire to conserve them, while recognising, with Edmund Burke, the need to "reform in order to conserve". It does not tinker with things long established and rarely always easier to destroy than to create. It contains educated people, but erects barriers against the halfeducated — those hyperactive intellects who know enough to ask questions but not enough to understand that the real questions are unanswerable. It is suspicious of nothing so much as the political process itself, and seeks to confine politics to the areas where wise decisions can be taken in no other way - issues of law and order, defence and the national interest. It believes in a strong State, but a State above politics, guardian of civil society against external and internal threat. It is founded on the belief that society renews itself from below, from the enterprise and goodwill of its members, and not from above, by transferring income from the prudent and the diligent to those least likely to invest it.

udged by that venerable ideal,

new Labour remains seriously defective. Its parliamentary intake abounds in the meddlesome and the half-educated: people for whom discontent and agitation have been a way of life, who have made their careers in politics and whose greatest successes have involved the coercing of others. It remains the natural friend of bureaucracies, and its more vociferous members remain committed to using schools as instruments of social engineering, rather than mak-ing them reservoirs of knowledge. It has no rooted objection to legislation imposed on us by the European Union, and little appreciation of the fact that our national sovereignty is bound up with the workings of the common law, and is inherently threatened by the Napoleonic juris diction that prevails in Europe. Its proposals for constitutional reform are a means to create jobs for the political professionals, while the removal of voting rights from peers who are not political appointees will finally entinguish the voice of the amateur in the legislative process.

New Labour seems happy with the worst of the Tories' innovations — including the National Curriculum and the National Lottery. If it rises above the philistinism of the managerial Conservative, this is only because it remains suspicious of business, being composed of people who have enjoyed a free ride on the back of the State. Like managerial Tories, it sees loyalty as a purchasable commodity rather than an inherited duty, and the sublime conception of the Crown as the living symbol of our unity means

little or nothing to its members. None of this is to doubt the good faith of new Labour or its leaders. But the party speaks for the class that is governing everywhere in Europe: the class of political professionals whose function is to mediate between transnational and local bureaucracies, and which justifies its existence through constant legislation and irrational reforms. I am persuaded that the Tory party, for all its faults, remains our best hope that this class will not P·H·S | gain the monopoly over politics that it has achieved across the Channel.

Nasser: scroll-grabber

Mills wrote that Sharif asked if I would be interested in buying for America an antiquity now in the hands of his Bedouin friends, which from his description could not be anything but another Dead Sea Scroll."

Mills felt it his duty to report Nasser's treachery to his nephew the King, but did so in the most diplomatic terms. The British Ambassador was blunter in his report to London, saying Sharif was a habitual and well-known scroll-

### Skint reward

ing, the Oxford Union Society is paying the price for years of mismanagement by undergraduates and naked publicity seeking. Reports have the Union's debts reaching as high as £80,000.

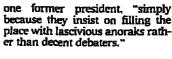
"We're a student society and occasionally things may happen that are of a regrettable nature," says Oliver Evans, the current president. "This happens in all societies." Not all societies, however, accede to a demand from Diego Maradona, the Argentine foot-baller, to be flown to Britain with family and retinue on Concorde, as the Union did in 1995. The cash crashdown was due to

the Union being run by inexperienced 19 and 20-year-olds, insisting it prided itself on being run by students and that expert help was always at hand," says Evans. "The exact amount of the debt is a matter for a standing committee."

A series of publicity japes, such as inviting O.J. Simpson and Page Three girls to speak, has dragged the Union dangerously into Max

Clifford territory.

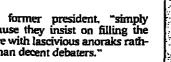
They are unlikely to get anything like the £1 million the Union: got from Mitsubishi in 1988," says



 My prize for the most deconstructed political comment of the general election goes to a man parading up and down Putney High Street, the heart of David Mellor's constituency, pushing a wheelbar-row. In it is a large plastic toe.



"But these sprouts taste





just like sprouts"



"Mellor Sucks".

Liver boys

WHILE his correspondents were traipsing after politicians at the weekend, John Birt, the Director-General of the BBC, was going back to his Liverpool roots on a trip to Paul McCartney's former home. The mid-terrace former council house in Forthlin Road was bought by the National Trust after Birt - a Beatles nut and Cavern Club regu-

lar - discovered that it was for sale two years ago and tipped them off. On Saturday, he achieved a lifelong ambition when he set foot in the small dishevelled room where John, Paul and George first played together to the fury of the neighbours. Birt, who once stood in as the bouncer in a Beatles gig, is ad-

vising on the imminent restoration of the house, and is drawing heavily for his information on his Scouser friend Sir Paul McCartney.

### Huftin' and

with excitement about the sale next month of one of the most important post-war archives from the world of children's publishing. All the books and author correspondence of Kaye Webb, the longstanding Puffin Books editor and formidable creator of the Puffin Club, are to be auctioned by Sotheby's.



Scroll, to the American government. According to recently declassified Foreign Office documents, the late Sharif Nasser, a man said to have had a finger in every felafel in the Middle East, approached the US Ambassador in Amman, Sheldon Mills, with his dodgy deal.

Scientists test the

efficacy of prayer

Sir. The trustees of the John Templeton Foundation are not the first to try and test the power of prayer (report, "Let us pray, in the interests of sci-

ence". April 11).

In 1872. Sir Francis Galton published "Statistical inquiries into the efficacy of prayer" (The Fortnightly Review, vol 12) and even proposed that

one method of investigation would be

to study "the effect of prayers for the

restoration of health". He suggested

that those suffering from certain read-ily identifiable complaints (fractures

and amputations) might be divided

into two groups, on the basis of their

attitudes to prayer and being prayed for, and the consequences of that div-

His own study looked at the effects

on longevity of being prayed for, as-surring, for example, that sovereigns

tended to be prayed for more than anyone else and thus should live long-

er. His sample of sovereigns, from

which those who met violent or acci-

dental death were excluded, had the

shortest lifespan of all those in public

life, despite the multitude of prayers

said for them. Galton wondered but

doubted whether "conditions of royal

life may naturally be yet more fatal" or, in other words, whether without

the prayers they would have died even

younger. Nor did he fail to consider

the morale-raising possibilities of prayer and the psychological implica-tions this might have for someone's

The one thing he seemed to have

overlooked was any interference in

the experiment by God.

Linacre College, Oxford.

Gay 'marriages'

From the Archdeacon of Southwark

Sir, Archbishops of Canterbury (like

Popes) should be ignored when they

talk about sex ("Carey rules out

Church blessing for gay 'marriages' "

April 16). Why should homosexual

priests be celibate when heterosexual

priests like the Archbishop and myself

are not? Could the Archbishop have

remained celibate if he were refused

I could not and would not, there-

fore, enforce celibacy on anyone.

ision monitored.

wellbeing.

Your faithfully,

P. G. RIVIERE,

April 15.

From Professor P. G. Rivière





### **DEMOCRACY'S DOUBLE**

Why good Unionists should vote for Hendron and Forsyth

Elections are often exercises in habit. Two very different events yesterday provided good reason for certain voters to climb out of their traditional trenches and vote for two very different MPs. The Times throughout this election has singled out candidates who face difficult futures but deserve bright ones and that is particularly true of two politicians fighting far away from the metropolitan spotlight

The disruption and inconvenience experienced across the metropolis yesterday will have been an uncomfortable reminder for many of the price to be paid for democracy. Difficult as it is to maintain a sense of perspective when the horizon is obscured by a motionless convoy, it is worth remembering that the alternative, capitulation to violence, is unthinkable. It is poor consolation, but a necessary corrective to also bear in mind that the difficulties endured in the Home Counties yesterday are experienced in Ulster on all too many days.

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Northern Ireland has had to learn to live with the arbitrary terror of the IRA over the last 25 years. In spite of provocation, and blackmail, the overwhelming majority of the Province's people have taken the biggest of all risks for peace and consistently supported politicians who refuse to compromise their commitment to democracy. There are signs, however, that some nationalist voters who have always supported the Social Democratic and Labour Party in its implacable opposition to coercion may be tempted to support Sinn Fein at this election. Voters should not be tempted to give the republicans the benefit of the doubt. There is no doubt. As the Taoiseach, John Bruton, explained unambiguously, a vote for Sinn Fein is a vote for violence.

Sinn Fein hopes to secure three seats, West Belfast, West Tyrone and Mid-Ulster. In Mid-Ulster and West Tyrone it is simply sufficient for voters to shun Sinn Fein. The situation is very different, however, in West Belfast. The UUP have put up a candidate on the quite honourable basis that every citizen of Ulster should have a right to vote for the Union. Yet, if the unionist community of West Belfast vote for the UUP they may find that democracy and the Union are the losers. A victory for Gerry Adams would provide a platform, and a veneer of legitimacy, for the apologist-in-chief for a campaign of murder.

Unionists should be prepared to show solidarity in West Belfast with their nationalist neighbours who have bravely resisted republican intimidation and still support the SDLP. It will take courage to cast votes for a party whose ultimate aim is Irish unity. The SDLP candidate in West Belfast, Dr Joe Hendron, has however always elevated the process, democracy, above any policy. A courageous constituency member who has acted as a check on those elements in his own party inclined to overlook the real nature of republicanism richly deserves reelection. If the nationalists and unionists of West Belfast can agree to unite behind him and reject republicanism then they can set an example for the rest of the Province.

There is one other constituency in Britain where the stakes are less high but voters should, nevertheless, consider setting aside other loyalties and uniting behind one MP in the interests of the Union and democracy. Lady Thatcher's visit to Stirling yesterday drew the attention of the UK media to the Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth. Although it was his adherence to the Lady which earned him early notoriety, Mr Forsyth has proved himself the most imaginative Scottish Secretary since Tom Johnston in the Forties. Were he to lose, the nation's future would be debated without one of its most intellectually impressive Unionist voices. His presence will be needed in the next Parliament more than ever if Labour introduce their flawed devolution scheme; he can help to ensure that it does not become a springboard to separation. Those many Labour voters in Stirling who do not want to see the unity of the kingdom endangered should vote for Mr Forysth as insurance. Although he and Mr Hendron are, in every respect, many miles apart they deserve to be sitting together in the next House of Commons.

### **ESCAPE FORWARDS**

Netanyahu needs to recapture the political initiative

On scandal but seen his political authority severely weakened. The Attorney-General's office decided that, although the conduct of those concerned had been dubious, it would prove impossible to separate the criminal and political aspects of the affair. The conclusion, rightly reached, was that the Prime Minister should not be indicted, and in effect ejected, in such circumstances.

Mr Netanyahu survives but the condition of his coalition is far from healthy. His internal rivals within Likud itself may now leave the Government. The backing of both the Yisrael Baaliya party and The Third Way party has been severely tested. For the moment, it appears that they will stick with the Prime Minister but Mr Netanyahu cannot be sure of their long-term loyalty. Ironically, the Shas movement, whose leader, Aryeh Deri, triggered this sorry tale, has been left holding the balance of power.

All of his coalition partners will demand a high price for their continued participation. Mr Netanyahu has already conceded that future appointments to senior civil service posts will be determined by a committee of ministers rather than remain the preserve of the Prime Minister. This represents the first step in the erosion of the presidential style that Mr Netanyahu had introduced after his election victory last May. Despite the personal mandate that this contest provided. he will have to behave in the more collegial manner of his predecessors.

The real cost, however, may be in Mr Netanyahu's relations with the Labour Party. In recent weeks the Prime Minister

What has been described as Israel's "Water- has publicly played with the option of a gate" now appears more akin to the Iran-national unity administration. It is doubtful Contra drama. Binyamin Netanyahu has whether he really sought such a settlement Labour leader. Nevertheless, the threat to his troublesome right-wing allies was clear. The bitter rhetoric of the last week has made an arrangement with the opposition impossible. That self-evident fact further strengthens the stranglehold of small factions such as Shas. Ehud Barak, the favourite to succeed Mr Peres this summer, may be the

final beneficiary of the Bar-On debacle. Mr Netanyahu now faces a very significant dilemma. He must seize the political initiative and place this scandal behind him. The most obvious means is by reactivating the stalled peace process. While in Washington he outlined his plans for an "escape forwards" from the present impasse. That would involve an immediate move towards final status discussions with the Palestinians. This remains his best prospect for asserting command over events. But neither Yassir Arafat nor President Clinton will endorse such an approach unless the Prime Minister outlines some sense of the concessions he might offer. That will be much more difficult in his new domestic situation.

Despite that, the Prime Minister should escape forwards. The Labour Party will be occupied by internal issues over the next few months. It cannot credibly criticise peace overtures. Coalition members may prove extremely awkward. It is unlikely, however, that Shas would welcome an early encounter with the electorate. Mr Netanyahu first won office as the candidate who stood for peace with security. If he can deliver that combination then his moral standing and political status could be recaptured.

### EAT UP YOUR CHOCOLATES

Cordon noir cookery could encourage the taste for cordon bleu

Since carrot cake is now judged more nutritionally correct than conventionally "naughty but nice" cakes, there should be no dietary reason for gagging at chocolate-flavoured baby carrots. But the tastebuds have oxymorons just as the language has. At first gulp the notion of sweetcorn flavoured with peanut butter takes courage to swallow.

The giant frozen-food firm that is introducing these camouflaged foods hopes to persuade children to eat more vegetables. This might reduce some forms of cancer. It could also help parents over one of the little battlefields of childhood. Since frozen peas already do not taste like fresh peas, no natural authenticity is lost by making them taste of baked beans. In any case, baked beans taste of tomato ketchup, not of any recognisable garden bean. Potato crisps are already popular in artificial flavours that retain not the faintest whisper of potato.

Food purists may grumble that all that young mothers today have learnt how to do is to defrost frozen food: "Why can they not learn to open tins as their mothers used to do?" But cooking has always been a form of subterfuge and persuasion. What were garlic and vinegar, pepper and sugar invented for other than to disguise the natural tastelessness of raw foods such as snails, squid and the flaccid lettuce? Even for many Squar and the transfer

who are no longer children, the best way to serve broccoli is still to somebody else.

This struggle to persuade children to eat up their greens has been going on down the ages, ever since starvation ceased to be endemic in the western world. Eating or refusing to eat is one of the child's first declarations of independence and first acts of blackmail. Chocolate carrots are only the latest course in an ancient à la carte menu. They are just the latest device to encourage the infant palate to form its own tastes.

Modern marketing has multiplied the choices ten thousandfold from the old nursery bread-and-milk slops, recycled mince and overcooked cabbage. Strawberries and other old seasonal treats are now available all the year round. And not many children of this modern frozen-food cornucopia believe that fish are caught with oblong fingers, or that a chicken is multi-footed and comes naturally frozen with 16 drumsticks and a sack of Kiev sauce.

Provided they do not drive out carrotflavoured carrots, chocolate carrots are an interesting addition to the huge choice now available in western supermarkets. And they may tempt the childish tooth on to more grown-up mixed eating such as lobster thermidor, paella, Bombay duck and Welsh rabbit. These will also be more expensive.

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### Plea to preserve British fish quotas

From Captain Jim Portus

Sir. Before your readers condemn British fishermen for selling British fish quotas (leading article, April 15; letters, April 17) they should know the full facts,

There are 160 Anglo-Spanish and Anglo-Dutch vessels taking £100 mil-lion of fish each year for the benefit of the fishing communities in Spain and Holland.

There are 10,000 British fishing vessels taking £550 million of fish each year for the benefit of our fishing communities. In other words, the foreign vessels are huge and ultra-efficient and can exhaust the fish quota much more rapidly, so elbowing out the smaller vessels.

Ninety of their vessels were given their licences to fish by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) and were not bought from British fishermen. Most of the re-mainder bought licences from the owners of small inefficient vessels and were allowed by MAFF to transfer them to the much larger vessels. Those British fishermen who remain complain that MAFF allowed this to happen.

The problem can only be dealt with by changing the Treaty of Rome by means of a protocol at the intergovernmental conference in June, as proposed by John Major's administration (report, April 15).

When the quota-hopper fleet of 160 vessels (2 per cent by number but 26 per cent by tonnage) is eliminated from the UK register the British fish quotas will be reserved for the communities for whom they were intended. Until then not one more British boat should be broken up nor one more British fisherman's job lost in the name of the common fisheries

Yours faithfully. JIM PORTUS (Chief Executive, South Western Fish Producer Organisation), Home Orchard, Honeywell Lane, Ilsington, Devon.

### Cash for Eurosceptics

From Mr Paul Sykes

Sir. There is no truth in the suggestion that my offer to help fund the election expenses of Conservative parliamentary candidates is being "masterminded" from the offices of the Conservative 2000 Foundation (report, April 18).

I have, for many years, supported the campaigns of Conservative candidates in the Yorkshire area. It was my decision to extend this support on a nationwide basis. In doing so I was responding to the national debate on Britain's relations with Europe and the need to make a principled stand on the single currency — a project which I view as damaging to the prosperity, stability and independence of our country.

The response has been overwhelming. We now know that the only way to stop Britain being entangled in the coils of this dangerous scheme is by voting Conservative on May I.

Readers of your report could draw the further inference that my offer is in some way related to the issue of the leadership of the Conservative Party. This is entirely false. Indeed, I regard all such speculation as harmful to the Conservative Party. I believe that we can and will win under John Major on

That is what I am fighting for. That is what the 232 candidates whom I have helped are fighting for. That is the way to keep the pound and defend our country.

Yours faithfully. PAUL SYKES, 2 The Esplanade. Harrogate, North Yorkshire. April 21.

#### Just fancy that

From Miss Susan E. Jones

Sir, I wouldn't dream of suggesting that Mr Arthur Bell's Major is wonderful, new Labour ghastly" diatribe (letter, April 14) was anything but a totally objective account. Readers might, however, be interested to know that the address of the publication from which he writes, the Small Business News, is also that of the Surrey Heath Conservative Association's Windlesham HQ.

Yours faithfully, SUSAN E. JONES (Labour Parliamentary Candidate for Surrey Heath), 4 Cairn Close, Camberley, Surrey. April 15.

### **London bomb alerts**

From Mr G. S. J. Lankenau

Sir, Judging from this morning's security alerts, the IRA seems to think that Britain's railways are important: which is more than can be said for the politicians in this election.

No doubt our car-mad society thinks that such interest shows how out of touch the IRA is, since evidently no one else cares what happens to the railways either.

Yours sincerely, G. LANKENAU, Minaton Number Two. Rhos-y-Gwaliau, Bala, Gwynedd.

### Prince's choice on conference centre From Squadron Leader W. H. C. Hoare, RAF

From Mr Alan Beckett, FRICS

Sir, I was pleased to read that the Orchard Room, the conference centre commissioned by the Prince of Wales for his Highgrove estate (report and picture, April 16), has been designed by a fellow chartered building surveyor, who was recommended by one of the Prince's advisers.

For too long the title "architect" has been protected. Mr Charles Morris and I, with many other chartered building surveyors, have tried to explain to clients that we also practise as designers of buildings, although we are not allowed to call ourselves architects. Perhaps now others will follow the Prince's lead.

The two most important questions are, does the new design satisfy all the client's requirements, and does the building work? I think the answers to both questions would be an emphatic yes. Architects are not the only professionals who can appreciate or produce good design; many of the great designers have been surveyors, Wren for

Perhaps now we can look forward to the demise of the Architects Regis-tration Council and the removal of legal protection from the title "archi-

Yours sincerely, A. BECKETT (Director, Building Consultancy Division), Waters & Co. 25 Queen Arme Street, WI. April 18.

#### Licensing law

From the Chairman of the Campaign for Real Ale and others

Sir, The time has come for a new liquor licensing Act. The current legislation has been amended over more than three decades, but its defects are increasingly apparent.

Licensing fails to address the needs and preferences of today's consumers. The Act looks back to the First World War and fear of drunken munitions workers, rather than forward to a new millennium. There is a patronising presumption that consumers cannot be trusted to make their own de-

The licensing system is costly and cumbersome to administer. There is confusion and overlap between different functions and bodies.

Everyone accepts the n safeguards for the public, but the current legislation does not approach this in a logical way. It is neither efficient nor effective in what it should be seeking to do. The police and

Crime and punishment

Sir, Mr Fred Wachsberger asks (let-

ter, April 15) whether it would not be

"far simpler, proportional, fairer and

automatically index linked" to fine

miscreants one or two weeks'/months'

Such a scheme has worked very

successfully in Scandinavia for over

50 years. It was even tried in England

and Wales - for about six months be-

tween October 1992 and May 1993.

But it did not survive the English

middle-class conviction that it is

wrong to fine people more just be-cause they are rich — I heard a judge

condemn the scheme in just those

There were some understandable

teething troubles which could and

would have been put right on appeal.

There was a scornful campaign in the

press in which, I am sorry to recount,

The Times was very much in the van.

There was a petition by the Magis-

income etc. Of course it would.

From Mr J. A. Davis

Yours faithfully, J. A. DAVIS (Justices' Clerk, Kingston upon Thames, 1981-92). 54 Woodlands Road, Bookham, Surrey. April 15.

Means testing for setting fines should not, however, take account of savings, otherwise people who save are likely to be penalised more than

Yours faithfully, JULIAN CALDERARA. Ballingdon Cottage, Gaddesden Row, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. April 15.

since privatisation.

Yours sincerely.

April 17.

J. A. MEACHAM,

### Drought measures

From Mr J. A. Meacham

some for whom adequate supplies us off one by one," was his telling phrase (report, April 15; see also letters, April 9, 17).

The cynicism of this policy would

#### Babies' sign language From Ms Sue Unger

Yours sincerely, British Deaf Association.

Sir, Your report on the architectural establishment's reaction to the design sciented by the Prince of Wales con-firms my view that many members of the profession are more concerned about designing buildings which attract attention and satisfy their egos than those which are in harmony with their environment and are auractive to those who live or work in them.

The Prince has shown a typical disregard of these self-opinionated con-noisseurs by commissioning a building which fits into its surroundings, in spite of the predictable denigration. find the analogy between Tesco stores and Wimpey homes with "Arts and Crafts" buildings ironic. Whilst the former no doubt try to ape the appearance of traditional buildings, I suspect that the Orchard Room will be built using traditional materials and techniques to a quality which is not apparent in the stores and modern commercially-built houses on devel-

opments around the country. There is clearly a place for welldesigned modern: however, designers should be encouraged to create buildings which blend into their settings and are built to a high standard with the attention to detail which will result in lasting monuments.

Yours faithfully, C. HOARE, The Gate House, Coopersale, Epping, Essex. April 18.

#### magistrates support reform. Consumer groups and those who own or run licensed premises urge the next government, of whatever pol-

itical persuasion, to act. Yours faithfully, JOHN M. CRYNE, Chairman, Camra, MARY CURNOCK COOK, Director, British Institute of Innkeeping JEREMY LOGIE,

Chief Executive, British Hospitality Association, SHEILA McKECHNIE, Director, Consumers Association, TONY PAYNE, Chief Executive. Federation of Licensed Victuallers, BRIGID SIMMONDS, Chief Executive, Business in Sport and Leisure, ROBIN SIMPSON, Retailers Association.

Campaign for Real Ale, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire. April 21.

### Home Secretary. And that, Sir, was

From Mr Julian Calderara Sir. I agree with Fred Wachsberger

that sentencing guidelines are too complicated and should be related to, say, weekly income.

those who spend all their income.

The very idea that customers might

be inconvenienced unnecessarily,

merely as a public-relations exercise

to tamp down criticism, is the stron-

gest argument I have yet heard for the

next government to renationalise the

water companies as soon as possible

and constitute them as public utilities

instead of private monopolies.

The Pillared Cottage, Witham on the Hill, Lincolnshire.

Sir, It was with great interest that I

read in your report on romance in

French relationships (April 17; and

letter, April 19) that "29 per cent of

French women are put off by men

who carefully fold their clothes before

harmonious and loving marriage of

Letters that are intended

for publication should carry a

daytime telephone number. They

may be sent to a fax number -

0171-782 5046.

Now I have an explanation for my

slipping between the sheets".

Mead Road, Torquay, Devon.

almost 35 years.

ALEC EDEN.

Yours faithfully,

The Thatched House,

#### defy belief had it not been for the demonstrated greedy and self-serving performance of the water companies

Sir. You quote Mr Ray Tennant, chairman of the Water Companies Association, as saying that if the drought persists all the private water companies in a region are planning to inflict various bans and other restrictions on their customers, including may exist, in order to try to avoid criticism of any individual water company. "It should stop people picking

#### Romantic notions From Professor Alec Eden

Sir, The article "The babies who speak in sign" (April 15; see also letter, April 19), detailing research by two American psychologists, did not surprise the British Deaf Association.

For over 100 years we have been trying to convince the education world to change their restrictive practices and allow deaf babies to sign, and that this would not inhibit their going on to learn speech skills.

This independent research has confirmed that use of signs by hearing children before their speech develops actually speeds up the process of spoken-language learning and stimulates intellectual and cognitive development

SUE UNGER (Education strategist). 1 Worship Street, EC2.

DOUGLAS BARTLES-SMITH.

The Diocese of Southwark, la Dog Kennel Hill, SE22. trates' Association, a U-turn by the

Church welcome From Mrs Jane S. Haworth

the option of marriage?

Yours sincerely,

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury wants the Church of England to be inclusive and welcoming (report, April 14). One way in which this could be achieved would be to reverse the trend for Communion services to take the "prime mid-morning slot" on Sun-

Communion is inherently an exclusive event, as only confirmed members of the Church can participate fully in it. Matins (which always used to occupy that slot) on the other hand is totally inclusive and, further, does not carry with it the terrors of not knowing the accepted way of approaching the altar rail in a strange parish; an activity fraught with social pitfalls.

If the Church of England wishes to remain the Established Church and enjoy the protections and privileges of state patronage it must, like the National Health Service, be totally accessible to all.

Yours faithfully, JANE S. HAWORTH, 37 Portsmouth Avenue. Thames Ditton, Surrey. April 15.

### Wedding hymns

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. R. Parrish (retd)

Sir, I cannot understand why the Church of England should be so concerned about the fall in the numbers of church marriages (re-ports, April 19). Having observed many weddings in our parish church from my seat in the choir, I hardly ever recognise a regular churchgoer among the wedding party or the congregation. I can only conclude that they are generally there for the setting rather than the religious content.

While this is a matter of great regret to me, if in future they prefer to be married in a field at least my Saturday afternoons will be free from having to sing All Things Bright and Beautiful and Jerusalem.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS PARRISH, l High Street, Cricklade, Wiltshire. Aprīlī 19.

#### Victory anthem?

From Mr Michael Beckett

Sir, I see that Westminster Abbey is singing Blair in B minor for Evensong on Saturday, May 3. Do they already know something we don't?

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL BECKETT, 12 Wigmore Street, W1. April 19.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 21: Today is the Seventy First Anniversary of the Birthday of The

Queen.

Her Majesty was represented by Rear-Admiral Sir Paul Greening (Extra Equerry) at the Funeral of Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts (Extra Equerry and former Master of the Household) which was held in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel, this morning.

this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore. The Prince of Wales was represented by Major-General Sir Philip Ward.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Lieutenant Com-mander Sir Richard Buckley. Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy was represented by the Lady Mary Mumford BUCKINGHAM PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 21: The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this
afternoon opened the Library and
Learning Resources Centre, Wye
College, Wye, Ashford, and was
received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant of Kent (the Lord
Kingadyan KC).

Kingsdown KG).

Her Royal Highness. President.
RedR - Engineers for Disaster Relief. this evening attended RedR Patrons Dinner at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street,

#### Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will visit Childwick House, the Racing Welfare Charities' home in Newmarket at 3.00. The Princess Royal, as President. Rural Housing Trust, will open an affordable housing scheme at Til-den Court, High Halden, at 9.45am and perform a turf-turning ceremony to begin phase 2 of the Benenden housing scheme in New Pund Road, Benenden, Kent, at 10.15; as President of Patrons. Crime Concern, will attend a business lunch at Marks & Spencer. 37-67 Baker Street. London Wl. at 1230; as Chancellor of London University, she will open the Department of General Practice. Group Practice and Primary Care Skills Centre, United Medical and Dental Schools (Guy's and St Thomas', Lambeth Walk, at 2.20. The Duchess of Kent, as President of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will open Meadow House Hospice. West London Health Centre NHS Trust, Uxbridge Road, Southall, at 11.00. Later, as Patron, the Association of Compined Youth Clubs, she will visit a charity shop at 161 Arthur Road, Wimbledon Park, London SW16 at o.30, and attend a reception at Canbury School, Kingston Hill, Kingston upon Thames, at 7.25.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 21: The Duke of Gloucester
visited the site of the new International Airport at Yeongchongdo and afterwards visited Daewoo Mo tors at Inchon. Later His Royal Highness attended a dinner for British Consultants given by His Excellency Mr Stephen Brown (Her Majesty's Ambassador) and Mrs Brown at the British Embassy, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Republic of Korea.

YORK HOUSE April 21: The Duke of Kent, President April 21: The Duke of Kent, President, the Scout Association, this morning visited the Boy Scouts' Association, Claremont, and later viewed a sports coaching session. Langa Township, Cape Town.
His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon met Miss Stella Siecus. Minister for Public Enter.

Signau, Minister for Public Enter-prise of the Republic of South Africa. The Duke of Kent later attended a launch reception for Britain Means Business: Cape Town 97, at the Cape Sun Hotel and this evening attended a dinner hosted by the South Africa Britain Trade Association, at the Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 21: Princess Alexandra. accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogildy, this evening attended a Gala Fashion Show in aid of the Holly Lodge Centre. Richmond Park, at Drapers' Hall, London EC2.

#### Luncheons

Africa.

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at City Hall.

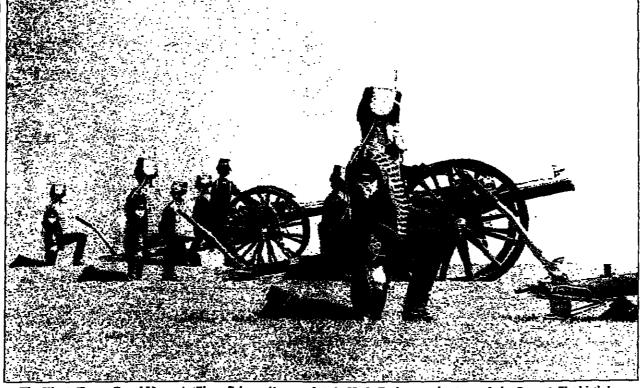
**Guild of Editors** Lord Wakeham, Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday by the Guild of Editors at Bloomsbury House, Mr Bob Satchwell, Chair man of the Guild's Parliamentary and Legal Committee, was the

### Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Sir David Ford was the guest Str David Ford was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's, Miss Hazel Ellis presided.

#### Appointment

Mr Tony Abbott to be Governor of Montserrat in succession to Mr Frank Savage who will be moving to a new Diplomatic Service



The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, firing a 41-gun salute in Hyde Park yesterday to mark the Queen's 71st birthday

### School announcements

Sethi is Captain of Cricket. The 1st

XI match against the MCC is on Wednesday, May 14. The Latymer

Choral Society perform at St Paul's

not recently been in contact are

invited to contact the OL Office at

school. Details on Admissions

procedures are available from the

Registrar, on 0181 741 1851. The

School has charitable status and

Brunswick East Grinstead.

Music Eathlbition: Henry
Hardingham, Beaudesert Park.

Art Scholarships: Eve Monteiro,
Stover, Newton Abbott; James
Strawbridge, Hillstone.

Art Exhibitions: Thomas Cornwell.
Aymestrey, Worcs and Tang
Tepharaska, Beaudesert Park.

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provides quality education.

Cheltenham College Mr Paul Chamberlain, BSc, the Headmaster of St Bees School,

Cumbria, has been appointed to succeed Mr Peter Wilkes as Head-master of Cheltenham College. Term began yesterday at Cheltenham and ends on Saturday, July 5. Edward Dallas (Leconfield) continues as Senior College Prefect. James Koch is Captain of Cricket, and Ben Burch is Captain of Boats. The Common Room will be performing The Comedy of Errors in Big Classical on May 8-10 at 7.30pm, and the second Lower Sixth play Whodunnit will be performed in the Studio Theatre on May 15-17 at 7.30pm. Speech Day is on Saturday, May 24, and the guest speaker will be General Sir Michael Rose. A recital by the Northern College of Music, spon-sored by Cheltenham College and itenham Ladies' College, as part of the Cheltenham Festival of Music, is on Sunday, July 6.

Kimbolton School Term starts today and ends on July 3. Speech Day is on May 24, when the Right Hon Sir Martin Nourse, will present the Prizes. The Old Kimboltonians' Day is June 21 and the Annual Ball will be held in the Castle. The Merchant of Venice will be staged on June 26, 27 and 28. The Summer Concert will take place on June 30.

Latymer Upper School, W6 The Summer Term commenced today at Latymer Upper School, and ends on July 3. James Parsons is Captain of Boats, and Vishal

Windsor Castle Term begins today, Tomorrow being St George's Day The Queen Church, Hammersmith, on April 30: and the Lower School producwill visit the school and open the new wing accommodating the Pretion The Government Inspector is on May 21-23. Old boys who have Preparatory Department and six new classrooms for the main school. On Friday. April 25, a concert and banquet will be held in aid of the two million pounds development appeal at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich at which Princess Margaret will be guest of honour. On Sunday, June 15, the school will host the Lord's Maivern College has made the following 13+ Entrance Scholar-Taverners Cricket Match between the President's XI and the Twelfth following 13+ Entrance Scholarship Awards for September 1997:
Academic Scholarships: James Bath. The Downs, Wraxali (Porch Scholar): Emma Blayney, Winchester House, Brackley: Mikhail Fotanov, Rachel Newton and James Strawbridge, Malvern College Junior School, Hillstone; Chioe Grant, Friars, Bangor, Henry Hardingham, Beaudeseri Park, Minchihampton; Simon Hunter, Si Hugh's, Faringdon: Simon Johnson, Abberley Hall, Worcs; Sarah Wooding, The Downs, Colwali, Academic Exhibitions: Imogen Byers and Jaideep Shah, Hillstone: Alexander Ford and Rogan O'Herliny, Beaudesen Park: Michael Criffiths, Cathedral School, Liandaff, Charlone Marsden, Si Anselm's, Bakeweij.

Music Scholarships: Stephen Hill, Willstones Scholarships: Stephen Hill. Man's XI. The school play will be The Ballad of Salomon Pavey with the gala performance on Parents' Day, Sunday, June 29. Old Boys'

and term will end on Friday, July Trinity Term began on April 16. Joanna Lumley narrates in The Emperor and the Bird of Paradise at the Alan Ridout Memorial Concert on April 21 at St John's Smith Square. Performers include James Bowman, the London Mozart Players (Whitgift Associate Musicians) and Whitgift Choristers. Juggling Friends present The Miser on April 29 and David Juritz, leader of the London Mozart Players, conducts a String terclass on May 6. The school's Arts and Project Week commences on June 30.

Major academic, all-round, art or music scholarships have been

Day will be on Saturday, July 5.

awarded to Edward Beckert. Cumnor House). Mark Coppell (Cumnor House). Mark Greenhalph (Westbury House). Adam Healy Lynton. Joseph Hood (Cumnor House). Daniel Liu (Royal Russelli. John McNeilly (Downside). Daniel Munden (Downside). Daniel Munden (Downside). Philip Robunson (Downside). Edward Silverstone (Cumnor House). Frederick Smith (Cumnor House). Frederick Smith (Cumnor House). Simon Wall (Bandon Hill Primary School). Martin Whiteside (Elmhursi). Christopher Wickenden (Elmhursi). Christopher Wickenden (Elmhursi) sawarded for the academic year 1997/98 will be in excess of £1 million in addition to Government Assisted Places.

Environmental Cleaners

\*20% or more of the fees

Installation of officers The following have been installed officers of the Company of Environmental Cleaners for the

ensuing year: Master, Mr Terence D. King; Senior Warden, Mr Brian Cole. Junior Warden, Mr David A.S.

#### University news

Bampton Lectureship 1999 The Right Rev Lord Habgood has been elected to the Bampion Lectureship for 1999.

#### Marriage

Mr D.C. Bird and Mrs S. Hammond The marriage took place in Chesterfield, on Thursday, April 17, 1997, of David Bird and Sandra

#### Birthdays today

Mr Leo Abse, former MP, 80; Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, FRS, former president, Royal Society, 68; Sir Christopher Ball, former Warden. Keble College, Oxford, 72: Mr Lewis Biggs, curator, Tate Gallery, Liverpool, 45: Mr Alan Bond. company chairman and yachts-man, 50: Mr Peter Bowring, former chairman, C.T. Bowring, 74: Mile Yvene Chauvire, ballerina assoluta, 90; Sir John Chilcot, civil servant. 58: Mr George Cole. actor. 72: Mr Alan Dukes, former president. Fine Gael, 52; Major-General dent. Fine Gaet, 52: Major General Sir John Foley, 58; Mr Peter Guldstein, joint founder, Super-drug, 57: Mr Hoyd Honeyghan, boxer, 57: Mr Ronald Hynd, choreographer, 66: Mr Archy Kirkwood, 51; Mr Nico Ladenis. restaurateur. 63: Mr Geoffrey Marshall, Provost, The Queen's College, Oxford, 68: Lord Menuhin. OM. SI: Mr Jack Nicholson. actor, director and producer, 60: the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Si; Miss Margaret Pereira, forensic scientist, 69: Viscount Portman, 63: Sir David Ratford, former diplomat 63 Miss Janeis Robinson. wine writer and broadcaster, 47: Professor Sir Eric Scowen, phy-sician, 87: Mr C.H. Sisson, CH. writer and poet, 83; Mr David Summerscale, Head Master, Westminster School, 60; Sir Robert Wade-Gery, diplomat, 68.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry Fielding, novelist, Sharpham Park, Somerset, 1707: Immanuel Kant, philosopher. Königsberg, Germany, 1724; Phi May, cartoonist, Wortley, York-shire, 1864: Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. Russian revolutionary, Simbirsl (Ulyanovsk). 1870; Alexander Kerensky, Prime Minister of Russia. 1917. Simbirsk, 1881: Serge Prokofiev. composer, Sontsovka, Ukraine, 1891; Vladimir Nabokov, novelist, St Petersburg, 1899; Robert Oppenheimer, pioneer of the atom bomb, New York, 1904; Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, Higher Walton, Lancashire, 1912. DEATHS: John Tradescant, traveller and gardener, London, 1662; James Hargreaves, inventor of the spinning jenny. Nottingham, 1778; Thomas Rowlandson, caricaturist, London, 1827: Richard Trevithick, pioneer of the locomotive engine, Dartford, 1833; Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Prime Minister 1905-08, Landon, 1908.

Sirius, a British packet steamer, was the first steam-ship to cross the Atlantic to New York from England, 1838.

British lone yachtsman Robin Knox-Johnston completed his solo non-stop circumnavigation of the world in just 312 days, 1969.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.I. Bailey and Miss R.A. Dalton

The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Bailey, of Lanya Village, Cyprus, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Owen Dalton, of Booterstown. Co

Mr A.J. Crosthwaite and Miss M.K. Kubota

The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mrs Allan M. Kerr and the late Mr Richard Crosthwaite, of North Yorkshire. and Meg, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kei Kuhota, of Tokyo.

Mr J.D.S. Dare and Miss V.A. Curtis

The engagement is announced between Jocelyn, son of Mr and Mrs Barry Dare, of Blockley.
Gloucestershire, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugo Curtis, of Richmond.

Dr J.C. Fendey and Miss L.B. Parker-Swift

The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger C.L. Feneley, of Clifton, Bristol, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Parker-Swift, of Thurlestone,

Mr C.C.V. Kaye and Miss A.J. Chalmers

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Colonel and Mrs Colin Kaye, of Bosham, West Sussex, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roderick Chalmers, of The Peak. Hong Kong. Mr J.A. Kennedy

and Miss A.E. Gliddon

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Kennedy, of Wimbledon, and Amanda, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Richard Gliddon, of Bristol.

Lieutenant R.K. Lawson and Miss R. Charlwood

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mrs Julie Lawson, of Newport, Shropshire, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Charlwood, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr S. Paterson and Miss C.B. Simonsen

The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Paterson, of Prestwick, Ayrshire, and Camilla Birte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Finn Harald Simonsen, of Rotherfield Greys, Oxfordshire,

Mr M. Vincent and Miss M.V. Grantham The engagement is announced between Matthew, youngest son of

Mrs Barbara Vincent and the late Alan Vincent, of Werribee, Melbourne, Australia, and Melanie Victoria, middle daughter of Pam and Michael Grantham, of

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Live as those who are free; not however as though your freedom porvided a closk for wrongdoing, but as slaves in God's service. 1 Peter 2: 16 BIRTHS

BANKS - On 14th April 1997, to Jane (née Miller) and Matthew, a son, Angus Roderick William, Gordon-and a drughter, Ella Louise Dawson, Gordon-

NGTON - On April 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Allison and William, a

BLAKE - On April 19th in

CREEDY SMITH - On April 19th 1997, to Rebecca (née White) and Simon, a daughter, Sarah Jane. EALTRY - On April 19th, to Giles and Nicola (née Turnbull), a son, Oscar Thomas, a brother for Felix. DE BANZIE LAMPARD - Oz April 18th, to Doncan and Jo.

DOMOVAM - On April 14th at The Portiand Hospital, to Deixtre (née O'Donoghue) and Daniel, a son, Alasdair

POSS - On April 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Marie Therese (née Vitzthum) and Staphen, a son, Quentin

and Eugen-Monor Daisy-ABORE - On 19th April, to Lucy and Peter, a son, Mcholes Patrick, a brother for Isabel. AWMHINGE - On 18th April, to Catherine (née Shapiro) and Paul, a daughter, Annahei Amelia, a sister for Sebastian, Tawa and Alistair.

LEATHART - On April 18th, to Sophie (née Enight) and Tom, a son, Cuthbert Proderick Hedley, a brother 1866 - On 14th April 1997, to Catriona (a6e Wight) and Simon, a daughter Emily, a sister for Harrist.

beconsidack - on 20th April at home, to Josephine (née Orchard) and Andrew, a son, Archie Michael, a brother for Feter: IALDEN - On 17th April, to Caroline and Robert, 4 son Senedict William Henry. Benedict William Henry.

MAULIFFE - On Andl 21st
1997, to Andrew and
Charlotte (age HuntingtonWhiteley), a daughter, Dalsy
Sarah, a sister for Tilly and
becomes

Jasper JAKTON - On April 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Ann and Martyn, a son Joseph Conor ARIGIOUSE - On March 18th 1997, to Fhilippa (née Scott) and Mark, a daughter, Eugenie Fhilippa, a sister for Automotte Frances. CHIARTEY - On April 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Coretta (nee Dadale) and Emmanuel Laud Jur., a son, Emmanuel Laud III. SHAW - On 17th April, to Lulu (née Lovill) and Simon, a drughter, Hamiet Francescu, a sister for Emily and Katie.

MITH - On 19th April 1997 at Arlington, Virginia, USA, to Janet (née Parrett) and Tobin, a son, Cameron SMOUHA - On 17th April 1997 at The Lindo Wing, to Lucy (see Howard) and Joe, a son, at The Lindo Wing, to Lucy (née Howard) and Joe, a son, Harry Alam.

THOMAS - On April 12th, to foremy and Katherine (note Resco), a daughter, Eleanor Anghazad Resco, a sister for TITCOMB - On April 18th 1997, to Diana (née Mills) and Mark, a son, Samuel James. A brother for Dominic and Alasdair.

TORRENS-BURTON Jonathan and Tricia in Rochester, Minnesota, USA on 15th April 1997, a son, Benjamin Matthew. WHITE - On April 17th 1997, to Patricia (nóe Skinner) and Richard, a daughter, Rowena Damelra Victoria.

WÜRTTEMBERG - On April 15th at The Fortland Hospital, to Marie and Fallip, a daughter, Pauline. SILVER

**ANNIVERSARIES** 

ACTOM - Thomas aged 21 on April 10th 1997 at The Royal London Hospital following an accident. Descent son of Judith and Anthony and brother of Resalted Funcan Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Wednesday April 30th at 2.45 pm followed by private cremation. In Tom's memory any donations to the Intensive Care Unit Royal London Hospital c/o T. Pennack & Sons, Funeral Directors, 1-3 Maidon Road, Gestat Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 TUW.

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ALLOCK. On April 19th 1997
peacefully in bospital,
Muriel Joyce aged 83 of
Ensilly, daughter of the late
Christopher and Florence
Allocek and dasrly loved
cousin of the Alcock family
of Corie Castle and of the
Gower Family formerly of
Ruisilp. Headmistress of
Ruisilp Gardens Infant
School from 1950 to 1974.
Faners) at Sr Martin's
Church, Ruisilp on
Wednesday 30th April at
2.30pm. Family flowers only.
Donations if desired to 57
Martin's Church Restoration
Fund.

BUCKLEY - Lanet Mare

Fund.

BUCKLEY - Janet Mary (Fortnerly Eachan), Peacefully on the 17th April 1997. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Thursday April 24th 1997 at 11.30 am. Family flowers-only, Donations if dealted to R.N.L.1. may be sent c/o Geoffrey Church & Co. 48 Bishopswood Road, Tedley, Hants. Tel 0118 9814420.

BURSOWE - Insa. Belowed wife. Hants, Tel: 0118 9814420.

BURBOWS - Inex, beloved wife for 53 years of Bernard Burrows, much loved mother of Antonia and Rupert, grandmother of Tom, Silva and Owen, died April 19th at 5t Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester. Cremation at Chichester. Cremation at Chichester Chichester Cremation at Ch

DEATHS long illness in Moyness Nursing Home on Monday April 21st 1997, Ian, id of the late

peloved husband of the late Elisen, sadly missed father of Annie and Martin Pumeral Service on Friday 25th April in Dendee Commattylium at 12 noon to which sil friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only.

CROFT - Brian Destand on Sunday April 20th peccafully at his home in London, with Hostense and his family at his bedside after a brave fight against cancer. Private cremetion followed by a Memorial Service at St George's Church, Aubrey Walk, on Friday 25th April at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Marie Carle Foundation or Imperial Cancer Research c/o J.H. Kemyon, (0171) 927-0757.

CUMMING - Christine (née

0757.

CUMING - Christine (née Bobertson) died peacefully at home on 21st April 1997 aged 69. Beloved wife of Hugh, mother of Brian, Franças and Alastair. Much loved by family and friends. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at 3t Swithin's Church, Swanbourne, at 2.30pm on Friday 9th May. CUMBINGHAMS BATT - Michael Douglas Barris on April 20th

CURINMENIALE BATT - Michael Drogles Barrie on April 20th peacefully after a short illness aged 75. Beloved husband of Merlyn and father of Philip and Jonathan. A Service of Tambagiving to be held at St Leonard's, Leaden, on Wednesday April 30th at 3.30pm. Eaguiries to W.H. Shephard F/S (01206) 572305.

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buthale - On April 16th at ber home, Ethel, widow of Colin and friend of many. Cremeston at Portchester, Hampehire, on Thursday April 24th at 2.15 pm.

ELES - William, at home on April 17th, beloved son, brother, hoshend, father and grandfather.

grandfather. Pipps on Wednesday Aguil 16th 1997 very suddenly following a transactic lineas as Princess Marganet Ecspital, Swindon, very much loved wife of Simon and devoted and adoed mother of Imma and Sophie. No flowers but donations to National Asthma Campaign or Thris Fund. Donations and enquiries to Thomas Prese and Soms (01672) 512110. Service of Thanksgiving 2pm Priday Aguil 25th at Macinecough College Chapel. FAWCETT: North Lambert

Mariborouh College Chapel.

FAWCETT - Norah Lambert aged 82 years peacefully after an illness bravely borne at Tunbridge Wells Independent Hospital on 21st April 1997. Beloved wife of the ists Bennard and much loved mother of Barney and Anne and grandmother of Jane and Exambs. Pameral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Monday 28th April at 2.30 pm. Enquires to W & F Groombridge Funeral Directors. 31 Quarry Hill Road, Tombridge, Kent, TRP 218, tel: (01732) 383964.

FORSTEH - Brigadier (ret'd) 2RS, tel: (01732) 383964.
Eric Brown, suddenly at home in Appleton Scelera; ton 18th 1997. Devoted and much loved husband of Margaret, very dear father of Malcolm, Rosemary and Angels and a joving grandfether. Funeral Sarvice and interment at All Saints Church, Appleton Roebuck, on Friday April 25th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please.

GRAHAM - Major John Patrick Neal of Kilifi, Kenya, on April 17th in England Seloved father and grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving Friday April 25th 12 noon at St Bartholomew's Chapel, Goring Reath, everybody welcome afterwards at Little Bowden. No flowers. Donations to Hope and Ecunes for Children, East Clyffe, Salisbury, Witts. 573 412.

HOPE - Cynthia on April 14th 1997 peacefully at home. Widow of Lt. Col. H.A. Hope OSE MC, late 60th Rifles. A much loved mother, sister and grandmother. Frivate cremation on 25th April and a Memorial Service at Sherston Church, Sherston, Mahmesbury, Wits. on Friday 16th May at 3 pm. No flowers, but donations if wished to Cancer Relief Macmillan Nurses' clo H & G Matthews Funeral Directors, 7 Burnham Boad, Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

HUNT - John Berestord peacefully at home on Friday 18th April aged 62. Much loved husband of Pat. Devoted father of Charles and Victoria Fonezal Service at 5t Mary Magdaleze Church Taunton at 2 pm on Friday 25th April. Family flowers only, denations to The Army Senevolent Fund. iUNT - John Berestor

Monthes - Marjorie Elizabeth (Betsy), widow of Tubby, of Henfield, West Sussez, peacefully on 18th April 1997 aged 89. Much loved mother of Susan, Elizabeth, Jane, Sarah and the Late lemes sed grandmother of 12. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity, Poynings, Sussex, 3 pm Saturday 3rd May. No flowers, Donations if wished to The Treasurer, League of Friends, Chafley Beritage, Newick, Sussex.

JEWRINGS JEMBINGS
(Commander Rn retired).
Died peacefully on April
17th eged 79. Husband of
Jean, father sad granifather
of Dismuid, Stephen, Simon
and Lecy. Service at
Raycombe Crematorium,
Bath, on Thursday 24th
April at 11.30 am.

JOHNSON - Suddenly at home on 18th April 1997, Remath walterfield PCA aged 84 years. Beloved husband of the late Gladys and Enlevot Arnold. Forestal Survice at United Seformed Church, Bassocks, West Susser, on Felday 25th April at 215 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers cally, but douations payable to Parkinson's Disease Society may be sent to Ca T Radmail Funeral Services, 223 London Road, Burgess Bill, West Susser, tel: (01444) 871212

OMES - Norman Symmet, very suddenly, with Friday's Times in his hand and apparently without stress, on 18th April aged \$2, in the late of Man; marine biologist Isle of Many marine biologist and general neturelist. Survived by his wife Jo. daughters anne and hidde, son Martin, four grandchildren and two gent-grandchildren. No funeral (at his request). Southmend Hospital, Science, April 1997 at the Southmend Hospital, Science, April 1997 at the Winterbourne Hospital, Dorchester. Beloved hockened of Caroling, Much.

Crematorium, Bristol III im of flowers, donations t Benal Dialysis Unit Southment Hospital. LEWIS - Angela peacefully of April 19th widow of Lt. Col Philip Lewis, Somerset Light Philip Lews, vouseers for infantry, Nuch loved mother of Julian and Lavinia. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Droxford Church on Monday April 28th at 230 pm.

28th at 2.30 pm.
LOCKIT - Reginald Straley,
(Rax), aged 90, peacefully at
Townlands Hospital, Reniey,
on Saturday 19th April
1997. Much loved Father,
Grandfather and Widower of
Sallie. Funeral at Stiplake
Church on Friday 25th April
at 2 pm.
McDOWELL - née Percival
Elizabeth DSC FRSE. Dearly

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\*\*BITCHELL - On April 20th, at home after a long illness, Stanley Frederick. Beloved husband of Phyllis, father of Jeantifer (Als) and John and a much loved grandfather. Private family camation. A Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Church, Beckley, near Rye to be amounced later. A life spent in the service of others as a doctor, a member of Tor. H. and in Beckley Church, Donations to Toe. H., I., Forest Close, Wendower.

Bucks. HP22 6BT.

MELSON - Meg Cnée BuxtonEnight), wife of Edward and
former wife of the laze BHI
Wilson, died peacefully on
April 17th in Selsey aged 75.
Fumeral Service to be held at
St Petar's Church, Selsey, on
Friday April 25th at 11 mm
followed by burial at Church
Norton. Flowers, or
constions to The Red Cross,
c/o FA. Holland & Son, 1 New
Pazzde, Bigh Street, Selsey,
tek (01243) 602764. REWGAS - Eric James aged 75
years, beloved husband of
Rosomary and father of
Carole. Former Company
Director of Meyer
International Pessed aver

Carole. Former Company Director of Meyer International Present away peacefully in his sleep on April 17th at The Nuffield Hospital, Woodingdean, Susses, Funcai Service at Golden Green Crematorium en Thursday 24th April at 11.30 sm. Flowers to Hanningtons F/D, 4-6 Montefore Enad, Hove, tel (01273) 778733.

NEWTON DUSS - Thomas (01273) 778723.

MEWTON DUMN - Thomas
Robert (Tommy) Col. retired
late ETE died peacefully on
20th April 1997. Dearly
loved by Ramey and all the
family, Cremetion private.
Thankegiving Service on
Wednesday 30th April at
2pm Greywall Church.
Donations if wished to the
ETE and Injured Jockeys
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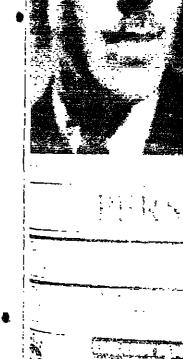
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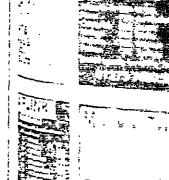
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### OBITUARIES

### **MARY THOMAS**

Mary Thomas, Welsh mezzosoprano, died of cancer on April 17 aged 62. She was born on August 2. J935.

ithough she was a protean artist. who enjuyed several simultaneous careers, Mary Thomas will most immediately be associated with the music of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, in her role as the long-standing principal soprano of his ensemble. The Fires of London. Her stunning appearance as the screaming red nun in his Revelation and Fall of 1968, riveted audiences and invested both performer and composer with immediate notoriety. Such roles as the ageing, ravaged bride in Maxwell Davies's Miss Donnithorne's Maggot, which received its first airing in Australia six years later, only served to reinforce an impression of raw power.

Born and educated in Swansea, Thomas was already imbued with the qualities of the Welsh vocal tradition by the time she went to study at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Upon completing her training, she embarked on the career of a freelance singer.

Her clear yet lustrous voice responded to widely different musical challenges. She was frequently the soprano soloist in Bach's St Matthew Passion and, as a member of the Deller Consort, gave many international performances of works such as the Monteverdi Vespers. With them, she also recorded the role of Purcell's Dido, of whose nobility and humanity she

was a predestined interpreter. In the same opera, she later took on the role of the Sorceress, in which her striking Celtic beauty and rich mezzo-soprano timbre made an indelible impression.

At the same time, she was active in the world of light music, and was a marvellous jazz singer and planist. In the latter capacity, her idiomatic instinct for jazz style is preserved on a compact disc recording of Maxwell Davies's music for Ken Russell's film of Sandy Wilson's musical The Boy Friend.

From early on, she was also a committed exponent of contemporary music, in which her security of pitch and accuracy of rhythm were invaluable assets. More importantly, she always sang new scores in a full-blooded manner that conveyed the music behind the notes. She inspired or first performed the works of many living composers, and her insight into the needs of their particular style was remarkable.

Her vibrant soprano limined the arching curves of Sir Harrison Birtwistle's Entractes and Sappho Fragments, as well as the more concentrated and gnomic unterances of his Cantata on ancient Greek texts. In Michael Finnissy's Mr Punch, she portrayed all of the characters, and the range of different sung and spoken voices which she deployed constituted a vocal tour-de-force which retained its impact even when performed together with a colourful pupper-show.

Numerous singers have shed their individual moonbeams on Pierrot

Lunaire, but Mary Thomas's interpretation of Schoenberg's masterpiece is considered by many to be the most inclusive and many-faceted rendering they have ever heard. The work's brilliance, tenderness and grotesquery were made for Thomas, and brought out her enormous histrionic gifts.

She performed it in full commedia dell'arte costume countless times all over the world in a manner that won the plaudits of other distinguished practitioners of the role. She made two commercial recordings of it during the Schoenberg centenary year, and her performance is a landmark in the work's history.

In comedy, her abilities were notorious. On one occasion she performed Satie's Sports et Divertissementsat at the Royan Festival and held a French audience in the palm of her hand, reducing them to such hysterics that the performance was in danger of not being able to continue.

Above all, there are her innumerable premiere performances of the music of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. His luminous instrumental song-cycles, including Dark Angels, The Blind Fiddler and Excuse me, were all written for her, and bear the imprint of her focus and intensity. Even more will remember her gallery of comic and tragic portraits in his music-theatre works. The first of these was the Red Nun/Incestuous Sister in Revelation and Fall, in which Thomas's ability to project nightmarish Expressionist world. forged in her performances of Pierrot

Lunaire, found a new outlet.

This was followed by Miss Donnithorne's Maggot (1974), in which she portrayed the real-life model for Dickens's Miss Haversham. It was a vehicle in which her ability to sustain a fine line between comedy and pain reached new heights. After the work's premiere at the 1974 Adelaide Festival, her name became a household word overnight across Australia and New Zealand.

Immediately thereafter, she repeated her triumph in London, and subsequently at many international festivals. She made the same sort of impact when she created the roles of Blind Mary in Davies's chamber-opera The Martyrdom of St Magnus, the Charlady/Bag Lady in his apocalyptic comedy The No 11 Bus, and the protagonist in The Medium, Maxwell Davies's chilling eponymous monodrama. They haunted audiences from the first and have continued to do so.

After retiring from performing, Mary Thomas joined the faculty of her alma mater, the Royal Academy of Music, where the word spread quickly among the students that she was as extraordinary a character as she was a teacher.

If possible, her human qualities outshone even her professional achievements. Magnificently and consistently herself, she made no distinction between peoples' social status, and would speak to a shop assistant or to royalty in the same way. Her warmth of personality irradiated all who came near her. She is survived by her husband, the cellist Edward Holmes. There were no children.



Mary Thomas in Peter Maxwell Davies's Miss Donnithorne's Maggot

### BRIGADIER SIR GEOFFREY HARDY-ROBERTS



Hardy-Roberts, KCVO. CB, CBE, Master of the Queen's Household, 1967-73. died on April 9 aged 89. He was born on May 16, 1907.

ABLE administrator. Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts, achieved considerable success in three different fields: as a soldier, as a hospital administrator and finally as Master of the Queen's Household.

Always immaculately dressed, his eye for detail was legendary. The one thing he would not tolerate was sloppiness; woebetide anyone who was late for a meeting for whatever reason. Hardy-Roberts expected the same high standards from those who worked for him as he demanded of himself.

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erts was educated at Eton. which he hated, and at the RMC Sandhurst. Commissioned in 1926 into the 9th Lancers, he served with them until retiring as a captain in 1937. Much of his service was spent in India, where he was able to play polo, the only ball game he liked. Apart from riding, the only other sport he cared for was fishing.

His father was killed in a riding accident in 1909 when Hardy-Roberts was still under two years old and he was brought up by his formidable mother as what is now called "a single parent". Having known this adversity, he resolved, after leaving the Army. to become a social worker. But the outbreak of war brought him back to the Army and this

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Desert and soon proved himself an outstanding regimental officer. Although captured at Tobruk he managed to escape in the prevailing chaos with his brother. He was promoted brigadier in 1943 and served as General Sir Miles Dempsey's chief-of-staff. He was appointed OBE in 1941, advanced to CBE in 1944 and made CB in 1945. He was also mentioned in dispatches and

given the US Legion of Merit. He stood as Conservative candidate for Wimbledon in the 1945 general election. But his defeat there by a Labour candidate in what had formerbeen a safe Conservative seat convinced him that he was not cut out for the life of politics.

In 1946 he was appointed Secretary-Superintendent of Middlesex Hospital, one of London's major teaching hospitals. The National Health Service was about to be creattask of explaining to apprehensive staff the implications of the new service and keeping up morale and efficiency, in all of which he was successful.

He proved himself an exceptional administrator and set standards for every department of the hospital. His guiding principle was that everything should be done to allow doctors and nurses to concentrate on their work, free from bureaucracy.

In 1967, at the age of 60, he was delighted to be appointed Master of the Queen's Household and once again his administrative abilines found full scope. He was responsible for the greater part of the workforce in the Royal Household and did much to ameliorate the then rather primitive living standards of the foot-men, porters, chambermaids and cleaners. He also made numerous improvements to the way in which the House-

hold was organised. He retired in 1973, having been created KCVO the previous year, and continuing to serve as an Extra Equerry to

the Queen. All his life Hardy-Roberts lived in Sussex, being appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1960, a Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex in 1964, and High Sheriff in 1965. He was deputy-chairman of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, from 1967 to 1981, and took an active part in many other local organisations and charities. particularly in Frittleworth. where he had his home.

In 1945 Hardy-Roberts married Eldred, the widow of Colonel J. R. Macdonell. She predeceased him in 1987. There were no children.

### ZDENEK MLYNAR

Zdenek Mlynar, Czech politician, died of cancer on April 15 aged 66. He born in Bohemia on June 22, 1930.

ALTHOUGH he began his political life as a committed member of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, Zdenek Mlynar was to become an outspoken critic of his country's Communist regime, A reformist, he was one of the architects of the 1968 Prague Spring. He went on to take a prominent part in the opposition to Gustav Husak's hardline leadership and was expelled from the Communist Party in 1970. As a young man Mlynar also had the distinction of becoming the first foreign friend of Mikhail Gorbachev and, from the late 1980s, resumed his friendship

with him. Zdenek Mlynar joined the Communist Party in the not quite 16. "In those days," he later wrote, "my communist faith was a closed system. which could not be penetrated." He served as a secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party youth movement, 1949-50, and between 1950 and 1955 studied in the Law Facul-

ty of Moscow University. It was there that Mlynar got to know Mikhail Gorbachev and another fellow-student, Raisa Titorenko (whom Gorbachev married in 1953). They became close friends. In 1967 Mlynar visited the Gorbachevs in Stavropol, where he discussed some of the reforms which he hoped would soon be introduced in Czechoslovakia.

After Mlynar's expulsion from the Communist Party in 1970, he wrote nothing about his friendship with Gorbachev until shortly after the latter became General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party in 1985. Having his good relations with a Czech revisionist made public was not something Gorbachev would have welcomed on his way up the Soviet hierarchy. But, with Gorbachev safely in the Kremlin, Mlynar wrote a revealing article about him for L'Unita, the Italian Communist Party newspaper, which led to an invitation to the White House for a discussion about the new Soviet leader with President Reagan's National Security Adviser, Robert ("Bud") McFarlane.

Earlier Mlynar had made a successful career as an academic. He took the Czech equivalent of a British PhD and also a higher doctorate and became the author of many books and articles on

politics and constitutional law. dissident Charter 77 in 1977, of In the 1960s his ideas became which Mlynar was a promiincreasingly reformist and he was one of those who helped to pave the way for the radical museum. changes introduced in 1968. He was secretary to the Law

Commission of the Central Committee from 1964 to 1968 and in 1966 was appointed head of an interdisciplinary team charged with working out an "optimal political model" for Czechoslovakia. He was the most influential of the authors of the revisionist "Action Programme" of the

Communist Party in 1968 and in that year he became, briefly, a full-time politician as a secretary of the Central Committee and from September to November a member of its Praesidium as well In November 1968, however, he resigned from these posts because he believed that compromise with the Soviet leadership in the wake of the too far. His expulsion from the Communist Party followed less than two years later.

Rather than return to academic law and political science in the post-invasion conditions. Mlynar took up his childhood interest in insects and became a profession-

entomologist in the National Museum of Prague. But during the first half of the 1970s he also remained extremely active in the ex-Communist wing of the opposition movement in Czechoslovakia. On the appearance of the

nent signatory, he was dismissed from his post at the

He emigrated to Vienna, where he taught political science while keeping up a stream of publications. One of his most revealing books was a volume of perceptive memoirs entitled Nightfrost in Prague: The End of Humane Socialism (1980). He was a regular contributor also to Czech emigre oppositional

publications. After the fall of Communism in Czechoslovakia. Mlynar divided his time between Prague and Vienna, but never succeeded in making a mark on Czech politics comparable to the one he had made as a reformist Communist, He was a member of the Left Bloc which was critical both of the Communists and of the Government but which, while nore leftist than the Socia Democrats, could not compete successfully with the latter.

Mlynar, a tall and handsome man of exceptional intelligence, was one of the best analysts of his own transition from dogmatic Communist through revisionist Communist to Democratic Socialist.

He is survived by his widow, Irena Dubska, a sociologist and by the two children from an earlier marriage to Rita Budinova (later Klimova), the first post-Communist Czech Ambassador to the United States.



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The quaint half-English, half-Indian community of Simla is now assuming the characteristics of the capital of India. During the week end members of the Viceroy's Council and many Government officials arrived. They were preceded by great boxes of official paraphernalia, which appeared to move up hill and down dale by their own volition, but which proved to be borne on the backs of sturdy hillmen with a Tibetan cast of features, whose herculean efforts make possible the annual exodus from the plains to this

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It was the year of King George Vs Silver Jubilee. As the Government of India moved to Simla for the summer, all over the old British Empire the King's reign was celebrated. He was warmly greeted wherever he appeared and it is said that this genuinely surprised that modest old monarch.

remote and Swiss-like hamlet, rimmed in by snow-capped mountains. Rickshaws convey officials from the narrow-gauge railway in the valley to the upper ridges of Simla town, depositing them before chalet-like homes, the names of which have remained unaltered

since Kipling's time.

Among the arrivals here are Sir Akbar Hydari (Finance Minister of Hyderabad), who is still in direct negotiation with legal advisers in London on matters affecting the Federation. It is clear that he and the States Ministers who have been associated with him in the constitutional discussions are much

more satisfied with the position since amend ments were made to the Government of India. Bill. There remain issues which the Ministers hope will be clarified, but whatever a small coterie of diehard Princes may yet do, the Ministers of the most important States of India are conscientiously striving to secure a Constitution to which their respective Princes

CELEBRATIONS IN THE EMPIRE

PESHAWAR, APRIL 21 The Jubilee celebrations at Peshawar will include a military tattoo on May 4 and 5 outside the Fort, with a pageant of Khyber Pass history during the past 4,000 years, showing the various invaders who have come through it. The frontier hills are to be illuminated by bondires, and there will be a Boy Soluts rally, lootball and hockey tournents, and a purdah lete.

SALISBURY, APRIL 21 The Prime Minister, Mr. Huggins, left Salisbury yesterday afternoon by air to attend the Jubilee celebrations in England. In an address broadcast to children on the eve of his departure Mr. Huggins pointed out that on the occasion of the last jubilee of a British Sovereign Southern Rhodesia had only just been occupied by Europeans.

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## Turner keeps his sights set on the main prize



THE antics of the hapless David James at Antield on Saturday may have gone a long way to handing the 1997 FA Carling Premiership title to Manchester United, but in Interactive Team Football, the

race is still far from over. As the season nears its climax, there are 12 selectors who are realistically in contention for the £50,000 prize. Although it would be unwise to write off the chances of those teams lower than twelfth, recent form suggests that they are unlikely to do so.

Mr P. Turner, of St Helier, Jersey, remains the overall leader this week, eight points clear of his nearest rival. However, it will not have gone unnoticed by keen students of ITF that the Nobby teams. under the aegis of Mr J. Brown, have been slowly edging closer towards the top over the past few weeks.

The winner of the £250 weekly prize is Mr D. Ford, with his (inappropriately-named) team Loser's Eleven. Mr Ford scored 35 points over the week.

Mr Ford's team is:

Goalkeeper M Crossley (Nottm Forest)

Full backs T McKinlay (Celtic) D Robertson (Rangers)

A McLaren (Rangers) D Batty (Newcastle)

Central defenders

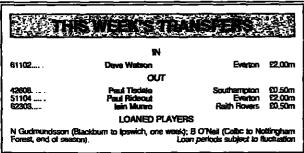
T Boyd (Celtic)

R Di Matteo (Chelsea) J Redknapp (Liverpool) M Thomas (Liverpool)



T Coyne (Motherwell) I Rush (Leeds)

Manager R Gullit (Chelsea)





Pallister celebrates his first goal for Manchester United at Anfield — but had you selected him in your ITF team?

The ITF transfer system allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

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When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250. ☐ All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be

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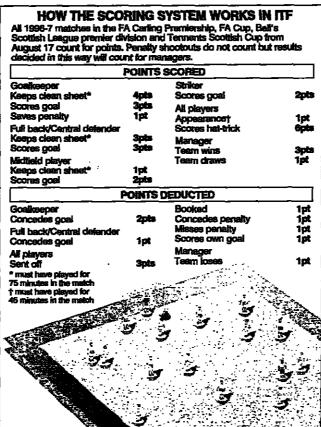
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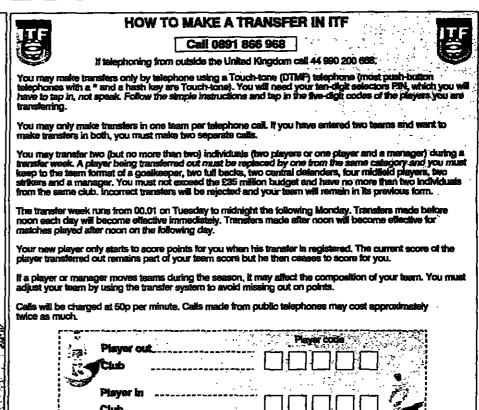


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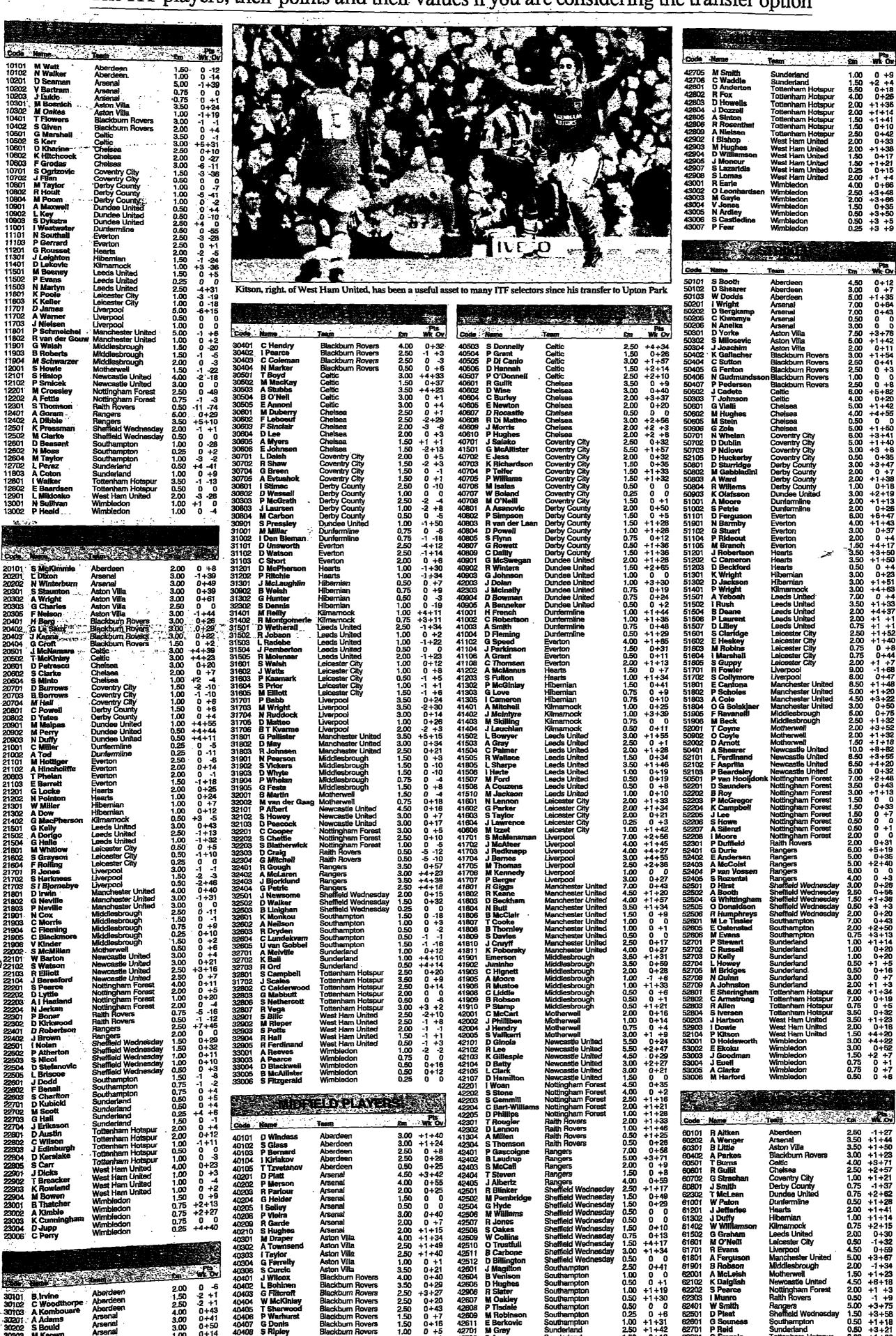
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#### NEWS

#### Santer attacks 'doom merchants'

■ Jacques Santer was accused of interfering in British politics when he entered the general election minefield with a fierce attack on Eurosceptic "doom merchants" that was eagerly exploited by John Major and criticised by Labour.

The European Commission president was accused of interfering in British politics as he attacked people who were intent on demeaning Europe's "formidable" political and ...... Pages 1, 9-15, 22, 23 economic successes ......

#### Election day alert after IRA phone blitz

A huge intelligence and policing operation is under way to stop the IRA disrupting polling on May 1. Measures already being taken were given greater urgency by the chaos the terrorist group caused in London and the South East during yesterday morning's rush-hour..... ... Pages 1, 2

#### Youngest sports star

Katy Parker of Preston, a 12-yearold table-tennis player, will become the youngest English athlete to play in a world champion-.... Page I

#### Campaign Laurel

Laurel and Hardy join the election today in a Labour advertisement that echoes a very similar Times cartoon..... ... Page I

#### Rapist sentenced

A psychopath who planned to stalk and rob famous women, including the actress Fiona Fullerton, was sent to Rampton highsecurity mental hospital indefinitely. Rodney Barnes was known as the Mayfair rapist......Page 3

### **Boy George sued**

The rock musician Kirk Brandon, who is suing Boy George for malicious falsehood, admitted in court that he shared a bed with ...Page 3

#### Charity's £8m fight

The RSPCA is locked in a legal battle with the widow of an Australian businessmen over £8 million he decided to leave to the animal charity days before his

#### Wealth before health

Doctors believe they are being turned into "technical monkeys" by clipboard-toting managers more interested in numbercrunching than healthy patients, the BMA says..... .....Page 5

#### Clear targets

Britain's oldest canal is to be dyed khaki or blue in an attempt to protect the fish from being plundered by cormorants before anglers can catch them......Page 6

#### Bridgewater appeal

A group of police officers known as "The Syndicate" pressurised an innocent man into confessing involvement in the murder of Carl Bridgewater, the Court of Appeal was told ..... .... Page 8

#### Lost generation

A million children are in public care in Eastern Europe, hundreds of thousands live on the streets and drug and alcohol abuse among adolescents has reached record levels, a Unicef report says..... ..... Page 17

#### Netanyahu unbowed The Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, has emerged from the country's most serious political scandal with his power

#### undiminished..... .... Page 17 Rebels sell rights

Mining multinationals have signed deals for mineral rights with Zaire's rebel leader in what is being termed a second scramble for Africa ..... .... Page 18

#### French election

President Chirac announced early legislative elections in a attempt to give him a clear mandate to lead France into a single currency...... Page 19

#### Chocolate carrot makes tasteful debut

■ Chocolate-flavoured carrots have gone on sale as part of a drive to turn the vegetable-resistant children of today into the ncer-recistant adults of tomorrow Backed by the Cancer Research Campaign, the carrots are the most bizarre of a range of four flavours aimed at the palates of children who shun vegetables and fail to absorb enough vitamin C ........... Page 6



Michel Rieu, a wine producer in Vauciuse, inspects buds damaged by frosts that hit vineyards across the South of France at the weekend. Page 17

#### BUSINESS

Building profits: Shares in Alliance & Leicester, the former building society, traded at 5662 p on the first day of trading, higher even than the 520p recently predicted Page 29 Property: MEPC, the property giant, is to take a E73 million charge in an effort to sort out its high financing costs......Page 29 Co-op: The Co-operative Wholesale Society raised the stakes in its fight to fend off a takeover bid by Andrew Regan, the 31-year-old entrepreneur, by threatening to call in the Serious Fraud Office ... Page 29 Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 18.2 to close at 4328.7. Sterling's tradeweighted index fell from 99.8 to 99.5 after a rise from \$1.6310 to \$1.6348 but a fall from DM2.7991 to

DM2.7824.....

#### SPORT

Football: David James, the Liverpool goalkeeper, paid the price for his disastrous slump in form when he was left out of the England squad for the World Cup qualifying match against Georgia Page 56 Snooker: Ronnie O'Sullivan made the fastest 147 maximum break in snooker history during his victory over Mick Price at the Embassy world championship ...... Page 56 Cricket: Rain and bad light ruined a potentially exciting finish to the England A v The Rest match at Edgbaston ...

Rugby union: Nick Popplewell, of Newcastle and Ireland, has been summoned to appear before a disciplinary panel of the Rugby Football Union after he punched an oppo-....Page 32 nent earlier this month.... Page 50.

#### ARTS

Saintly sinner: The National Gallery is devoting an entire exhibition to one small work - Dürer's Saint Jerome, with its overriding mood of suspense and fragility ...... Page 37 Public eye: Walter Moseley, creator of President Clinton's favourite fictional private detective. spends more time these days being a black American icon......Page 37 Dizzy spell: Alfred Hitchcock's haunting 1958 film Vertigo, which was ordered to be destroyed by Paramount, has been restored in a three-year labour of love ... Page 38 Maria remembered: At 17 Terrence McNally queued for three days to

#### seemed imminent. Now the singer is back with a sellout tour. Page 21 get into Maria Callas's opera debut at the Met. Now his play about her. Master Class. has reached

### TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

■ INTERFACE The weekly IT section reveals how computers are developing the new china syndrome

### **■ HOMES**

London

An old brickworks in the Fens is the site of one of Europe's biggest housing projects

#### **FEATURES**

Old together: In part two of our series on marriage. John Bayley. husband of Iris Murdoch for 40 years, reflects on the role of humour in a relationship ...... Page 20 Late again Your husband arrives home from work - and he is late again. Do you accuse him of being continually inconsiderate or do you commiserate with him about his heavy workload? ..... Page 20 As years go by: When Noreen Taylor interviewed Marianne Faithfull in the Seventies, "Rock star in death overdose" headlines

#### LAW\_\_\_ Labour's law: Who will win the top legal posts in the land if Labour

takes power?.....

#### YOUR OWN BUSINESS Sheep on show: When a busy road

junction was created near Michael and Julie Turner's farm, they decided their best hope was to turn their 400 acres into a tourist attraction .....

THE PAPERS Tony Blair can hardly be beaten in this election. But for the first time since he became party leader three years ago he faces a serious problem with his image. Like Bill Clinton he is trying to please everyone. and runs the risk of becoming too smooth

#### TV LISTINGS

Preview: Dr Jack Kevorkian, the doctor who has assisted in nearly 50 suicides, is the subject of Witness (Channel 4. 9pm); Review: Lynne Truss hails Jemma Redgrave's return as Bramwell ...... Pages 54, 55

#### OPINION

#### Democracy's double

Although Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland, and Dr Joe Hendron, the SDLP candidate for West Belfast, are, in every respect, many miles apart they deserve to be sitting together in the next House of Commons...Page 23

#### Escape forwards

Binyamin Netanyahu first won office as the candidate who stood for peace with security. If he can deliver that combination then his moral standing and political status could be recaptured .....

### Eat up your chocolates

Chocolate-flavoured carrots may tempt the childish tooth on to more grown-up mixed eating such as lobster thermidor, paella, Bombay duck and Welsh rarebit. These will also be more expensive ..... Page 23

#### COLUMNS

#### ANATOLE KALETSKY The catalogue of tactical errors,

misjudgments, confusion and pathetically ineffectual leadership under John Major just goes on and ...Page 22

### ROGER SCRUTON

My ideal party is not fired by the ambition to reform institutions, but by a desire to conserve them. It does not tinker with things long established and rarely complained of, knowing that it is always easier to destroy than to create. It contains educated people, but erects barriers against the half-educated - those hyperactive intellects who know enough to ask questions but not enough to understand that the real questions are unanswer-...Page 22

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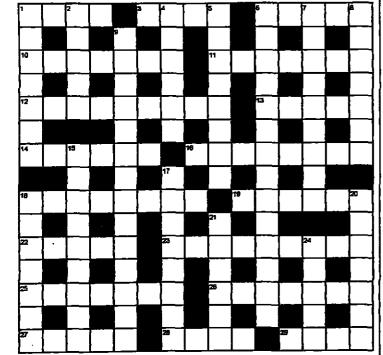
Mary Thomas, Welsh mezzo-soprano, Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts, Master of the Queen's Household, Zdenek Mlynar, Czech politician...... Page 25

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Architects' monopoly; fishing quotas; Paul Sykes's reply on Eurosceptic MPs; the science of prayer; Camra on licensing laws: rationing — Der Spiegel | water ....

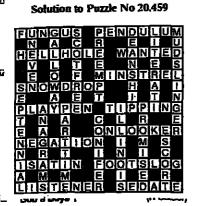
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#### **ACROSS**

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- 10 Vain advice to the prodigal (7).
- 11 Movie queen from the continent 12 A choice literary gathering (9).
- 13 Woman who has to polish hard : 14 Wit of turbulent priest (6).
- 16 They're essential to one's standing as a rider (8). 18 Specified limitation of ownership
- in legal document (8). 19 View a risky venture with trepidation at first (6).
- 22 Come out with me repeatedly to have a drink (5). 23 Broken rule again leads to suffer-



- 25 Italian leader to return call about civil disorder (?).
- 26 Bird that's flown approximately East over head (7).
- 27 Builder of a lodge (5). 28 Play in afternoon, or the other way round (4).
- 29 The advantage of keenness (4).
- DOWN I Extravagantly laud goddess thus?
- 2 Conservative-Labour rift (5).
- 4 In-service instruction (6). 5 They should be able to identify
- any salts in a mixture (8). 6 Business studies (6,8). 7 Total confidence initial odds must
- be switched? Goodness! (9).
- 8 Premonitions Rigoletto and Richard III had (7). 9 Break-up of force and loss of rank
- after accepting false alibis (14). 15 Communicate what some crossword answers are (3,6).
- 17 What Cinderella became after twelve (8), 18 Edward lifted small firm with
- spirit and dignity (7). 20 Bar for a daring young high-flier
- 21 Place of interest it's the custom to be silent going round (6). 24 Spaceman showed mouthed wonder (5).

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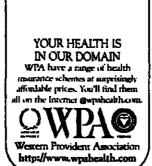
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### FORECAST

General: England and Wales will be mostly dry with bright or sunny spells. There will be a few showers but these will be confined to higher ground in the north and perhaps northeastern coastal regions. Scotland and Northern Ireland will

have sunny spells and showers. The showers will be wintry in the northern parts of Scotland and over the mountains further south. Later the showers will peter out but thicker cloud will spread into western parts with rain by the end of the period. 🗆 London, SE England, E Anglia Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:

bright or sunny spells, perhaps a few scattered showers. Wind light northeasterly. Max 12C (54F). ☐ N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Central N England, NE

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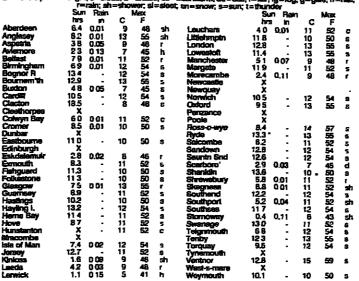
burgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: bright or sunny spells, a few showers, per-haps wintry on higher ground. Wind light and variable becoming mainly southwesterly. Max 9C (48F).

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land: bright or sunny spells, a few showers, wintry at first, later dying out. Becoming cloudy again with rain later. Wind light northerly becoming moderate northwesterly. Max 10C (50F). Outlook: Rain in the north

edging south, becoming light and

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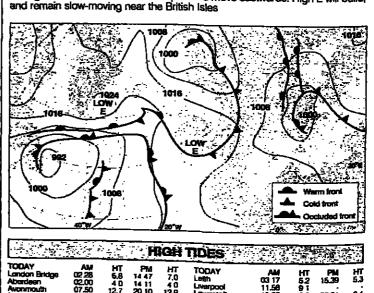


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# Co-op threatens Regan with SFO

By Sarah Cunningham AND JASON NISSE

THE Co-operative Wholesale Society raised the stakes in its fight to fend off a takeover bid by Andrew Regan, the 31-year-old entrepreneur, by threatening to call in the Serious Fraud Office if he fails to supply details of payments made to middlemen during an earlier deal.

A spokesman for Mr Regan, whose investment vehicle, Lanica Trust, is preparing a £1.15 billion bid for CWS, dismissed the threat and said

about the payments.

In a letter to Mr Regan, Graham Melmoth, chief executive of CWS, said that Allan Green and David Chambers, two directors suspended by the CWS last week, had told him that the deal in question had been done directly and without middlemen.

According to a spokesman for Galileo, the vehicle set up by Lanica to carry out the bid, payments of more than £1 million were made to a company named Trellis International in 1995 to pay Ronald

help in extending a crucial supply deal between the CWS and Hobson, a company head-ed by Mr Regan which bought the CWS food manufacturing

In the letter, Mr Melmoth writes: "If Messrs Green and Chambers had nothing to hide, why should they lie? If they are not lying then the Trellis role was not disclosed to the CWS. If the 'Trellis role' was fully disclosed at the time, presumably you will have no difficulty in telling me what that role was, why you were

prepared to pay in excess of £2 million for it and who at the Co-op was told about it?" He says that if answers are

not received by close of business today arrangements will be made to see representatives of the Serious Fraud The spokesman for Galileo

said he understood that Mr Zimet had been present at meetings at the CWS. He said that the difference between the £2.85 million paid to the CWS to extend the deal and the £5 million noted by Hobson, and which included fees to advisers including Mr Zimet, had been apparent since 1995. He also said that both SBC and KPMG, advisers to CWS, had known of the arrangement

with Trellis. Mr Zimet was yesterday understood to be in Jerusalem for Passover and unavailable for comment. His interests, apart from Trellis, which is registered in the British Virgin Islands, include an investment company in Geneva, a venture capital company in Israel and a company in Curacao. He is also chairman of Freepages, the Aim-quoted provider of

interactive information the media and possibly services.

Meanwhile, Lennox Pyfe, chairman of the CWS board, revealed yesterday that a motion will be presented at the CWS annual meeting on May 17 designed to block any further predatory moves by Galileo. Some 300 corporate members and representatives will be asked to give their backing to the board's stance in resisting its overtures. A spokesman said Lanica would not be put off by the motion and would attempt to appeal directly to members through

through an advertising

campaign.
Mr Regan and his associates were yesterday preparing affidavits to present to the High Court this afternoon. CWS last week obtained an injunction preventing Galileo from using any material ob-tained from Mr Green and Mr Chambers in any bid. A High Court hearing on Friday morning will decide whether the injunction remains in

Gamshoes thrive, page 33

### **MEPC** £73m hit to cut 'swaps'

By Alasdair Murray

MEPC has revealed that it will take a £73 million hit this year in an attempt to reduce high financing costs. The property company

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said yesterday that it is cancelling some of its interest-rate swap agreements, cutting its overall effective interest charge by about 1.5 per cent. MEPC has been under pressure from major shareholders over its weak rformance and stat dividend. Last month the company broke off talks with Hammerson over a

possible merger.

James Tuckey, chief executive, said the interestrate deal would ensure cheaper and more flexible financing, as well as improving dividend cover from 1998. The dividend will stay at 20p this year.

But the City, which has been critical of the company's funding costs, was unimpressed by the deal. Analysts said they were surprised at the cost of cancelling the swaps and were concerned that the company's net asset value had fallen again because of

the exceptional charge.

MEPC has launched a major rationalisation programme since the collapse of the Hammerson talks. The company announced last week that it would shed 70 staff by outsourcing the management of 340 properties. It also announced the purchase of three factory outlets for £80 million from C & J Clark,

the shoe retailer. MEPC said it did not expect to reap benefits from the interest-rate cancellation until 2010. It predicted savings would add £9 million in profits, excluding exceptionals, this year, and rising to £19 million next year. But the exceptional charge will cause a net fall in earnings per share of 10.2p this year, while the net asset value will fall by £43

The company said the interest-rate swaps had been made when interest rates were high and had resulted in funding costs at significantly higher levels than its competitors.

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End of the line: Jon Foulds, left, chairman of the Halifax, and Mike Blackburn, chief executive, at the building society's last annual meeting yesterday. Page 30

### A&L payouts top £1,400 as shares leap on flotation

By CAROLINE MERRELL

SHARES in Alliance & Leicester, the former building society, soared to 56612 p on the first day of trading yesterday, nearly 9 per cent higher than the 520p predicted at the end of last week. The rise means that the value of the payout per qualifying society member is now more than £1,400.

Brokers claimed that the share price, which at one point reached 576p, was being driven up by bid speculation, with Abbey National, Halifax, Lloyds TSB and Australian Mutual Provident rumoured as possible buyers. More than 88 million shares changed hands, with retail stockbrokers reporting widespread buying by private investors.

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IN SYDNEY

A FLEDGLING diamond explora-

tion company has set off in search of

the gems from a 3,000-year-old

religious artefact - and has become

the unlikely darling of the Australian

stock market, helped by a star-

studded list of investors headed by

the billionaire George Soros.

The closing share price gives the newly fledged bank, whose chief executive is Peter White, a market capitalisation of nearly £3.3 billion, 20 per cent higher than the valuation given by the A&L's own advisers in the transfer document.

The market price is much

higher than the price achieved in the first of three auctions to dispose of 157 million shares from the 600,000 A&L members who decided to sell straight away. The 52 million shares sold in the first auction fetched an average price of 522p. The

highest bidder paid 546p for 730,000 shares, while the lowest paid 517p. Cazenove said the prices paid in the second

speculative Australian mining indus-

try, Diamond Rose is a one-off. Set up

Joseph Gutnik, a well-known mining

magnate, the company hopes to find the 12 gemstones of the breastplate worn by the High Priest in the

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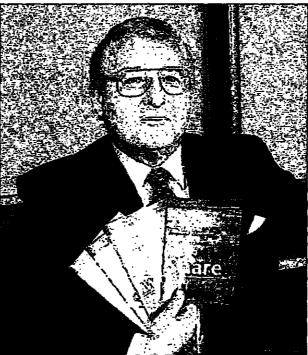
Prima Feldman, the sister of

auction were bound to be higher. Those selling shares through the auctions will get the average price from all

The Building Societies Association said customers could pay a heavy price for free shares. Adrian Coles, BSA director, said: "In the long term, customers will end up paying higher mortgage rates and receiving lower savings rates."

Shares in the Halifax, the next society to float, could also move to a big premium. It is expected to have a market value of more than £10 billion when it floats in June.

Even by the standards of the the 12 tribes of Israel. Diamond Rose



Pennington, page 31 Peter White saw the A&L's market price exceed £3 billion | present to reflect that status.

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Australia. Gutnik found the gold but

has so far failed to find any of the

Ms Feldman's belief that she will

find the Hoshen diamonds is shared

by James Packer, son of the media

mogul, and Australian institutional

investors GIO, Bankers Trust Aus-

tralia and Permanent Trustees, all of

whom are among the venture's 20

### United pays £4.8m to Hollick

By Jason Nissé

LORD HOLLICK, the Labour peer, received more than £4.8 million last year from United News & Media, the company where he is chief executive, made up of a mixture of salary, pension, share options and bonus payments.

The basic salary paid by United, whose interests include the Express newspapers and a stake in the nascent Channel 5, was £376,500, but bonus payments, benetits an pension payments took that to £757,000, an £8,500 increase on the previous year.

However, on top of this Lord Hollick was paid £2.22 million to give up share options in MAI Group, the company he ran that merged with United. In September last year and March this year he also exercised other options granted as far back as 1987, which he sold for a profit of EL9 million.

He retains options of more than 600,000 United shares with a value in excess of £2

Charles Gregson, who runs the moneybroking operations, was paid £1.49 million to give up share options in MAI on top of remoneration of £457,000.

Two directors who left United after the merger with MAJ picked up more than £1 million in compensation. Gra-ham Wilson, who was chief executive, received a payoff of £603,000, which was more than eight times his annual salary, and Andrew Cameron. who ran Express, was given

£485,000 to terminate a contract that paid £83,333 a year.
Lord Stevens, the group's chairman, was paid £533,000. He will become part-time after the group's annual shareholders' meeting next month. He is

The fact that Diamond Rose made

its stock market debut on Rabbi

Schneerson's birthday has only reaf-

firmed Ms Feldman's faith in her

mission. She says: "I truly believe we

are blessed... I'm convinced it's a

sign from the heavens." Diamond

Rose's shares jumped from 20 cents

to A\$1.29 on the first day of trading.

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### **BUSINESS TODAY**

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### Praise for proposed Cordiant demerger

London close .... \$342.25 (\$342.45)

denotes midday trading price

By Jason Nissé

DAVID HERRO, the US investor whose actions brought about the departure of Lord Saatchi from Cordiant, yesterday praised the planned demerger of the business into the Saatchi & Saatchi and Bates networks as "an excellent deal for everyone".

Mr Herro and five other leading shareholders were canvassed about the deal last week, ahead of yesterday's announcement. This is dis-mantling a holding company structure which was erroneously put together," he said.

In the £700 million demerger plan, Saatchi & Saatchi will be floated off in a separate company to be run by Bob Seelert, Cordiant's chief executive.

The remaining company will comprise the Bates network, which will include the Rowland public relations side, National Research Group in Los Angeles and HP:ICM, a communications consultancy.

Zenith, the media buyer, will be independently managed but owned 50-50 by Bates and Saatchi. Mr Seelert said that new accounting practices had to be introduced to Zenith to show its true profitability, but an advertising expert said figures released yesterday in-dicated that Zenith made no money on £60 million of

Mr Seelert said the group had never planned to sell the Bates network. However, he said that what happens once it floats is another matter.

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### 'Budgie' flies into legal storm

By Fraser Nelson BUDGIE the Little Heliter invented by the Duchess of York, has dragged Sleepy Kids, its owners, into a \$22 million legal battle with its former marketing agents.

Launey. Hachmann and Harris (LHH), a New York company hired four years ago to help Budgie to break into the US, is claiming compensation of \$22 million in punitive damages. It claims it is entitled to the sum after marketing costs it esti-mates at \$2.3 million.

Robert Launey, president, says LHH received only about \$150,000 from Sleepy Kids, in spite of placing the series with Fox Children's Network and helping to launch the series on home video. The agency has since run into financial problems.

Sleepy Kids wrote down the intellectual property value of the cartoon from £2.4 million to £1.8 million last month on the grounds that its US performance was disappointing.

### Competition action by Ofwat expected soon

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

will shortly become the first substantial company to switch its water supply from an existing monopoly to a com-

peting company. Ian Byatt. Director-General of Water Services, is expected to allow Anglian Water to take over from Essex and Suffolk Water, part of the multinational Lyonnaise utility group. The decision may come before the election. The contract could start in the autumn.

Anglian will build a new pipeline from its existing territory to Buxted's plant in Flixton, Suffolk. It will supply water from its own resources. Buxted will go on Anglian's large-user tariff and is expected to save between 20 and 25 per cent of its supply bill.

The two water companies' licences would be amended to allow Anglian's to take in Buxted's plant at Flixton. That might allow Anglian to compete for other business near by. Anglian says that, if it is successful, it will look for more "inset appointments" elsewhere. Competition is strong-

BUXTED CHICKENS, part ly encouraged in theory. In of the Hillsdown food group, practice, it has hitherto been confined to bidding for contracts at new industrial sites, such as the Toyota car plant in Derbyshire.

The Buxted application is one of 18 being considered by Ofwat under the Competition in Services (Utilities) Act. None has yet been approved. The second may also be for Anglian, which wants to take over sewage treatment for RAF Finningley in Lincoln-shire. The airbase has its own sewage system, but takes water from Severn Trent.

All the other proposals are from Envirologic, a consultancy company. Many of these applications require water from existing suppliers and the use of their pipes.

These involve complex is-sues, such as the pricing of water and common carriage rates, which would be decided by Ofwat. Mr Byatt fears that special cost-based deals brokered for large users could shift charges for investment on to household customers.



Pennington, page 31 Ian Byatt, of Ofwat, may make decision before the election

### Rebels fail in Halifax board bid

TWO dissidents failed to gain places on the board of the Halifax, which yesterday held its last annual meeting as a mutual organisation.

Serge Lourie, an accountant who sits on the board of several pension funds, and Peter Judge, a Labour councillor in Calderdale, stood in opposition to three retiring board members, including Mike Blackburn. Halifax's chief executive, who had put themselves up for re-election.

However, Mr Lourie and Mr Judge, the founders of the Halifax Action Group which led the campaign of opposition to the planned £10 billion conversion and stock market flotation, gained just 290,000 votes between them. Last year they jointly notched up 385,000 votes in a similar bid. An attempt by Mr Lourie and Mr Judge to put a cap on

executive pay also failed.

The Halifax will today start to inform its members how many shares they can expect to receive when the society makes its stock market debut in June. The strong performance of Alliance & Leicester yesterday suggests that the average Halifax windfall, formerly valued at \$1,200, could now be worth closer to E1.400.

### Lloyd's auction \* deals under investigation

LLOYD'S OF LONDON is investigating several cases of suspected insider dealing in auctions of syndicate space

last year. The 1996 auctions allocated £1.4 billion of underwriting capacity. Much of this resulted from individual names leaving the market and selling their right to invest in certain syndicates, often to the new corporate vehicles.

Announcing a tighter regu-latory structure for 1997. Lloyd's said yesterday that "a handful" of deals are being investigated. Richard Murphy, manager of its monitor-ing arm, said: If any disciplinary action is taken, it will be published."

The auctions, a way of realising the market value of involvement in desirable syndicates, raised E35 million in

Auctions this year will offer a fairer chance to all buyers. said Lloyd's. Bidders in 1996 were able to offer unrealistically high amounts to put themselves at the front of the

queue, forcing out smaller investors. But they knew they would never pay the inflated sum since the eventual price was an average from all the sales for a syndicate. Bidders will now have to pay what they

There will be eight auctions this year, held between July 8 and September 23, plus a special auction on December to for capacity released by members who die late in the year. The total expected to be allocated is conservatively estimated at £600 million to £700 million, but names will still not be able to buy in one auction and sell the same capacity in another.

The auctions will now solely use computers and faxes, as opposed to the traditional faceto-face system used by auction houses. This will provide fuller records to aid investigation of any insider deals, said

Éach seller will also be checked in advance to ensure that they have the capacity they are selling.

#### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### RICS sees 5% rise in some house prices

HOUSE prices in some parts of England have shot up more than 5 per cent during the past three months alone, according to a report by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) published today. More than a tenth of the 259 chartered surveyors taking part in the survey believe prices have risen more than 5 per cent in the past quarter - the first such response since the boom days of 1988. But the RICS was quick to deny suggestions that the country was in the grip of a new housing boom. Demand is not as great as it was in the late Eighties and sales are lower, it says in its latest England and Wales survey

covering the first three months of this year.

A spokesman for the RICS said that the latest finding was "largely due to the buoyancy of the market in London, the South East and the West Midlands". The RICS acknowledged that those areas were suffering the most severe property shortages and, as a result, prices were rising rapidly. It said that there were wide regional variations in the recovery, echoing the findings of research by the Halifax Building Society earlier this month. London still leads the way, with a net balance — the difference between the percentage of people reporting an increase and those reporting a decrease - of 90 per cent of chartered surveyors seeing an increase in prices.

### Compel computer deal

SHARES of Compel jumped to a new high yesterday as the desktop computer services group sealed an agreement to join Globalserve, a worldwide alliance of computer suppliers. Under the agreement, Compel will be able to pitch its services to UK-based multinational companies drawing on support from Globalserve'a other members. Globalserve is one of three such worldwide alliances, and has 30 members with annual turnover of \$5 billion. Compel's shares closed 1412 p firmer at 26812 p.

### **Securicor US offering**

SECURICOR TELESCIENCES, the Securicor subsidiary in America that supplies billing management systems to the telecommunications industry, is to raise about \$30 million by selling 2.6 million common shares in an initial public offering. Securicor will own 57 per cent of the subsidiary after the sale is completed. Securicor Telesciences reported profits of \$3.6 million on turnover of \$34 million in its last financial year. Its shares are to traded on America's Nasdaq market.

### Sims agrees to MBO

TWO directors of Sims Food, the meat processor and supplier, have been given the go-ahead by the company to put together a management buyout of the retail division. One of the directors, Richard Canvin, joint managing director of the retail division, resigned yesterday in order to prepare the buyout. The other joint managing director, David Gunner, assumes full responsibility for the division and will be part of the buyout team. Any outside offers for the business will also be considered by the company.

### JBA races ahead

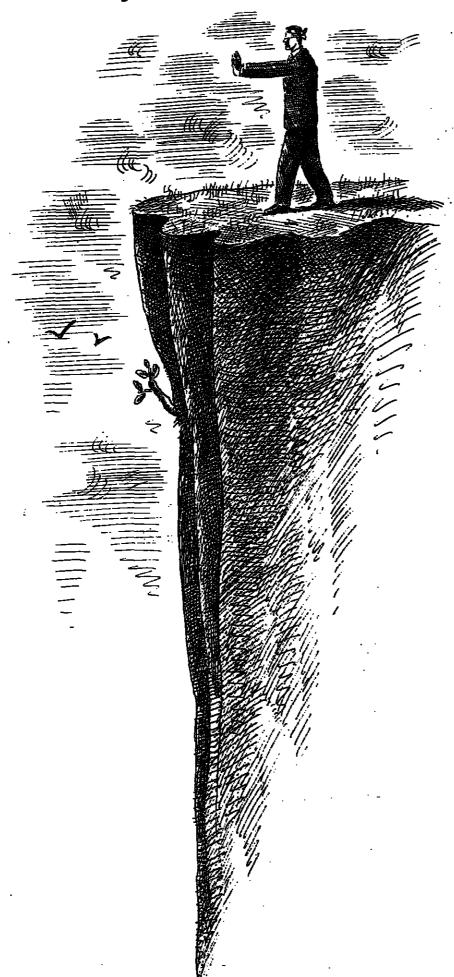
JBA HOLDINGS, the software company that hopes to make a fortune by helping to solve the millennium computer bug, increased pre-tax profits last year by 57 per cent, from £7.2 million to £11.3 million. The company saw turnover increase by 31 per cent, from £123.2 million to £161.8 million. Earnings per share were up by 39 per cent, from 13.14p to 18.26p. JBA will pay a final dividend of 4p (3p) on July I, bringing the total to 5.lp (4p). JBA also expects to buy Presys Holdings, a French software comoany.

### Dealer fined £250,000

A PENNY SHARE dealer has been fined a record £250,000 with E30,956 costs by Fimbra, the former watchdog for independent financial advisers, for six serious rule breaches. City Equities had failed to warn clients about the risks involved and failed to obtain the necessary information about certain of its clients. It also failed to have "good grounds for believing that its recommendations were suitable for or of benefit to certain clients". Further, Firmbra said that the firm had made unsolicited calls to potential investors.

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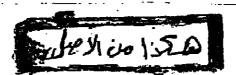
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Leading from the top

□ IN THE great debate on corporate governance, the nonexecutive chairman has been assigned huge importance. Every company should have one, contend those committee men who have the time to tell others how to run their businesses.

But instead of forming a dynamic double act at the top of the corporate pyramid, the combination of chairman and chief executive which is so earnestly advocated often turns into a dismal exercise in mutual aid. The strong, experienced, chairman prepared to give an errant chief executive a hard time

appears to be a rare species. Disgruntled institutional investors who wish to see change in the management of certain companies cherish the thought that they might have a sensible conversation with the chairman and expect to see results. In practice, too often what they meet is a dogged support for the current regime from chairmen who have stood by as their executives have failed to per-

No doubt MEPC chairman Lord Blakenham expected the City to be delighted with the company's decision yesterday to extricate itself from some expensive financing arrangements at a cost of £73 million. But the fact is that the move should have been made years ago. Inspiration has

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come not from the top but from the prospect of a hostile bid from

Lord Blakenham presided over a period of dismal dithering and some expensive wrong de-cisions at his family firm, Pearson. He has recently been replaced as chairman by the ubiquitous Dennis Stevenson, the renaissance man who combines transforming GPA with being chairman of the Tate Gallery. Now excitement is expected at Pearson.

Stevenson's arrival there has enabled Blakenham to devote more of his time to MEPC, but he must actually take responsibility for the company's fortunes since 1993, when he took over as chairman.

Sir Bob Reid's reign at Sears has been shorter but long enough and inactive enough to drive some investors close to apoplexy. When, they wonder, will he decide that strong action is what is required, in every

The institutions are much criticised for not stepping up in public and voicing their dis-content when companies fail to

perform but they argue, with some justification, that it is far less damaging if things can be put right behind the scenes. One has only to witness the aftermath of David Herro's determinedly public attack on what is now Cordiant to know that dirty washing should ideally reach the

laundry incognito. But for this to be possible, they must have access to chairmen who are prepared to take a reasoned, dispassionate, and sometimes brave, view. Other-wise, it is the chairmen who should be first in line to lose their stipends, with the incompetent executives following.

#### Ups and downs of A&L flotation

ON ANY normal reading of human psychology, the un-expected rise in the Alliance & Leicester share price yesterday must mean that even more retail investors will cash out and walk away, unable to trust their good luck holding for long.



et al will also be forced higher, more people will sell out and we will not be left with that terrifying 17 million-strong list of new shareholders, each clutching a handful apiece, that was always the worst. The Abbey National and a strong transport to get to 40 per took several years to get to 40 per cent institution ownership; the A&L could manage it by the end of

the month, and the other flota-tions could repeat the pattern.

All well and good, except that the special circumstances of the A&L float appear to have conspired to create yesterday's mad scramble and price hike. Because more than one in four shareholders wanted out, Cazenove was required to hold By implication, prices in the forthcoming floats of the Halifax three auctions to cope with the

Raine in

talks

over bid

RAINE, the housebuilding group, admitted it was in hid talks yesterday after its share price jumped by more than 10 per cent in early trading (Alasdair Murray

for several weeks.

volume. Those auctions required themselves what the stock was worth. Bidders badly underpriced the first auction, many putting in at little more than £5. Left out, they rushed lemming-like into the market, with predictable results.

The other auctions will be more realistically priced, and soak up much of the remaining demand. And all those other new investors will have instructed their banks or whoever to sell. Result: A&L investors get an early lesson that share prices can fall as well as rise. This will depend on two fac-

tors, what the market finally decides the A&L is worth and whether there is anyone out there stakebuilding for a bid. The second is unproven, with a bias towards the negative. As to the first, if you apply one valuation method, by stripping out and discounting both com-panies' cash and accounting treatment of cashbacks, the A&L is actually trading on about the same forward multiple as the Abbey National. With its management, it should be on a

little less. New investors desperate to pay for summer holi-days can sell, but do not count on getting yesterday's price.

### Why are we waiting?

USUSPENSION of a company's share listing is a blunt instrument and should be wielded as seldom as possible, because it deprives a company's owners, the shareholders, of the vital right to get out. Andrew Regan's Lanica Trust is not the only share suspended for an unconscionable length of time. Lanica shareholders have been frustrated for two months: the long-suffering minority investors in Costain look set to be shut out

for a full half year. Costain has come to its current sad state because of the failings of previous management. The competence of the latest bunch is yet unproven, but they seem to lack any sense of speed. The shares were initially suspended pending the sale of the US coal interests, achieved rather late. Then, the company says, there

was the appointment of a new chief executive, also late, and chairman, late again. We now await the 1996 results. The chances of receiving this bulletin before the stipulated deadline at the end of this month look slim.

There is no question of a

further capital reconstruction. It is impossible to see why the replacement as chairman of one previously unknown nominee from one of the three controlling shareholders with another should hold up relisting, or the arrival of a new chief executive, or even last year's figures, assuming these get here before this year's interims are due. The suspicion is that Costain is being run for the benefit of those three major investors, with no consideration for the 23 per cent of shares in minority hands. This is simply not good enough.

#### Water sports

COMPETITION in water is likely to remain a minority sport after the election. Even Conservatives, for whom competition is the ultimate in political correct-ness, failed to find time for a complex Bill allowing rivals to commandeer each other's pipes. As Anglian made its first raid on a neighbour yesterday, Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, was railing at the evils of modern water meters.

### Shares halted at Mackie's request

By OLIVER AUGUST

MACKIE International the troubled engineering company, raised new doubts about the extent of its difficulties yesterday when the arrival of a new chief executive accompanied a move to restate its

Dealings in Mackie's shares were suspended before the market opened at the Belfast-based company's own request. Soon afterwards it said: "Certain matters have come to fight since the preliminary results announcement on March 26. These lead to a restatement of the accounts for the year ended December 31, 1996."

Mackie gave no fur-ther details although City speculation centred on Sul Sahota, who was named as Mackie's new chief executive yester day. It was suggested he may be unhappy with the way the accounts were presented in the light of Mackie's recent slide from profit to loss.

Mackie was unable to clarify further.

Resolution No.8

### **Premier Farnell** introduces team after 82% increase

PREMIER FARNELL, whose shares crashed after a profits warning in February, is to hold an investor conference on Thursday to introduce the City its operational management.

The move is an attempt to assuage doubts about the company after the shortfall in profits at the Premier electronic distribution business which was bought for £1.85 million in early 1996. At the time of the deal

Howard Poulson, Premier Farnell's chief executive, had honed to deliver taxable proj its of £160 million for the year ending February 2.
The figures unveiled yester-

day showed pre-tax profits up 82 per cent at £137 million, though earnings per share fell from 35.6p to 29.1p. A final dividend of 6.8p, payable on July 1, makes a total of 12p, up 17 per cent. Mr Poulson said the short-

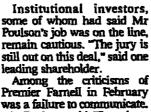
fall was for three main reasons. The strong pound had hit the translation of US profits to the tune of £6 million; Farnell Electronic Services, the volume components business sold in Decem-



Poulson: profits shortfall

ber, made £10 million less profit than it should have; and the core operation suffered because of the absence of particularly high margin business caused by semi-conductor shortages in 1994 and 1995. The revelations that profits

would not hit targets led to more than £500 million being wiped off Premier Farnell's share price. Yesterday Mike Styles, electronics analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, echoed most City sentiment in saying the results were bang in line with expectations". The shares rose lp to 499p.



Mr Poulson said Thursday's meeting was to address this. Among the managers being introduced to institutional investors and stockbroking analysts will be Don Payzant, who runs the Newark catalogue components operation in the US, and Terry Taylor, who is spearheading the group's

tion of industrial products. They will reveal a number of initiatives aimed at increas ing the profitability of the UK and US businesses. A new Newark catalogue is being prepared with a simplified pricing structure and colour photography. A CD-Rom version of the catalogues has been produced and there is a buyers' guide on the Internet.

Mr Poulson said the group's manufacturing arm was noncore, but was not up for sale at the moment.

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### Sears payout hit by MMC referral

By Sarah Cunningham

THE payout by Sears of £410 million to its shareholders is set for a further delay after a government decision to refer the proposed sale of its Freemans home-shopping arm to the Monopolies and Mergers

writes). Raine shares touched 21p after the statement, al-Commission. though they later fell back to The return of cash, designed close up 2p at 19<sup>1</sup>2p. The company said it was consid-ering an all-share offer at a modest premium to 19<sup>1</sup>2p. It to appease shareholders unhappy about the retail group's poor profit performance, was set for the summer but will not added that it did not expect happen now until the end of discussions to be concluded Yesterday was the second

time the proposed sale to Littlewoods has been referred Shares in the company, which was formed in 1986 with the support of Sir Nigel to the MMC. The first was made in February after Littlewoods had offered Rudd, hit a peak of 137p four years ago. But the company ran into difficulties in the around £395 million for Freemans. During the delay caused by the initial referral, recession and almost collapsed in 1995. It returned to Brown and negotiations with million half-year profits. Littlewoods were terminated.

N Brown and Sears then failed to agree a price, with N Brown offering considerably below £395 million. Talks with Littlewoods were then re-Littlewoods' second offer,

also expected to be for well below £395 million, will be put before the Sears board on Thursday. The meeting, which comes ahead of the group's results next week, is also expected to hear a restructuring proposal from Liam Strong, Sears' embattled chief executive, designed to resolve

the problems at its British Shoe Corporation subsidiary. Meanwhile, Littlewoods has received an unspecified number of indicative offers for its chain of 135 stores. Around a dozen companies asked for the when hest the majority are not proceeding with an offer.

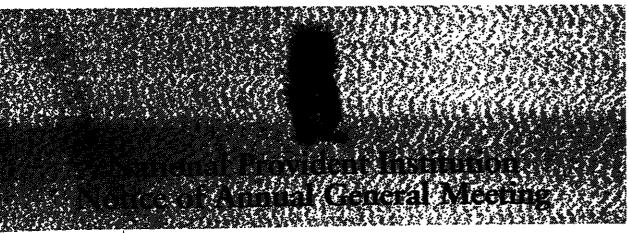
### Reed son appointed new chief

REED EXECUTIVE, the recruitment agency, has pro-moted James Reed, the company's chief operating officer and the son of its chairman, to chief executive

(Chris Ayres writes).
Alec Reed, who owns two thirds of the firm, said his son was replacing Chris Kelly, a director for 12 years, who will receive an undisclosed sum as compensation. Reed was reporting a 40 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £12.3 million for the year to December 29.

Turnover was also up, from E150.2 million to £191 million. while earnings rose from U.lp to 15.6p a share. The company expects to open about 10 high street branches next year, and it does not foresee a slowdown in the economy until after

Reed Executive will pay a final dividend of 1.3p (lp) on June 18, bringing the total dividend to 2.6p (2p).



Notice is hereby given that the 161st Annual General Meeting of Members of National Provident Institution will be held at the City Conference Centre, 76 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7JN, on Wednesday, 21 May 1997, at 12.00 noon, for the transaction of the following ordinary business:

Resolution No.1 To receive and adopt the Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 1996: To re-appoint as a Director, Mr K Jones, who has joined the Board since the last Annual

To re-appoint Coopers & Lybrand as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to

Resolution No.2 General Meeting; To re-appoint as a Director, Mr A D Lyons, who has joined the Board since the last Resolution No.3

Annual General Meeting; To re-appoint as a Director, Mr P W L Morgan, who is retiring by rotation; Resolution No.4 To re-appoint as a Director, Mr B J Brindley, who is retiring by rotation; Resolution No.5 To re-appoint as a Director, Lord Camoys, who is retiring by rotation; Resolution No.6 To re-appoint as a Director, Mr K H McBrien, who is retiring by rotation; Resolution No.7 (Mr Morgan and Lord Camoys are members of the Remuneration Committee)

determine their remuneration. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD: Steven O'Brien, Company Secretary. Principal Office: National Provident House, 55 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2UE.

NOTE. A Member entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, to vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a Member of NPL Proxy forms are available on request from the Company Secretary at the Principal Office. Completed proxy forms must be deposited at the Principal Office not later than 12 noon on 19 May 1997.



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# RJB hurt by PowerGen supply contract blow

gest remaining coal miner, fell 20<sup>1</sup>2p to 4l2p after it was learnt that it will lose a big customer from next spring.

As expected. PowerGen. the generator, has clinched a contract to buy its coal supplies more cheaply from other sources, such as Mining Scotland, the consortium, and from overseas. Last year PowerGen accounted for 13 million tonnes of RJB production out of a total of 35 million

At one stage, the RJB price hit 400p, but closed off the bottom as some traders took comfort from the view that an incoming Labour government might force PowerGen to buy supplies domestically.
In December BZW down-

graded its profit forecast for RJB and told the market that it faced a tough couple of years as it struggled to secure fresh supply contracts with the big electricity generators as the old contracts imposed by the Government run out.

A spokesman for RJB said: "We don't see that this alters the situation with PowerGen. It is a large customer, not the largest, and remains a good customer. It still needs to buy more supplies. We are hoping to continue supplying it".

RJB operates the coalfields formerly belonging to the National Coal Board for which it paid £815 million. After hitting a high of 640p after its floration, RJB's share price

has fallen sharply.

The rest of the equity market reversed an initial 11-point fall to close at its best of the day in thin trading. The FT-SE 100 index finished 18.2 up at 4.328.7 on turnover of less than 700 million shares. Much of the demand focused on the banking sector after the Alliance & Leicester made its public debut. The broader based FT-Mid 250 was up just 0.5 at 4.518.2.

Cordiant. the advertising agency, rose 5½p to 135½p it announced plans to demerge the business into three seperate companies.

Uniferer advanced 15½ p to £15.94 on speculation that ICI is ready to pay nearly £4 billion for its speciality chemicals business. ICI was unmoved at 697 p. Shares of Mackie International were suspended at 11312p pending clarification of preliminary results for the year to December 31, published last month. The engineering contractor said



Shares of RJB Mining ended down 2012 p at 412p

matters had come to light that might lead to a restatement. The announcement of a bid approach lifted Raine 2p to

194 p. The construction company said it was in talks that might lead to an all-share offer being made at a small premium to the ruling market price. At these levels the group carries a price tag of £213 million. Symonds has folShield Diagnostics ended 65p down at 49712p as several directors exercised options and sold stock. Gordon Hall has exercised 70,000 shares at 35p and sold them on at 530p. George Zajicek has also exercised options on 40,000 shares at 35p and sold them on at

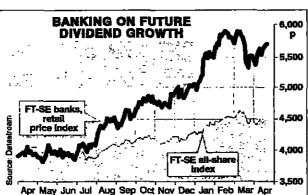
First-time dealings in Alliance & Leicester got off to a

Newcomer Newcastle United fell 5½p to 117½p after Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, warned clients the shares are looking expensive. Tilney says that because of restraints on ground capacity, there were few chances to increase medium-term revenues. Moving to a new ground could prove expensive.

lowed up last month's profits warning with the appointment of Arthur Andersen, the auditor, to investigate "significant breaches" of internal controls at its precision engineering division. The businesses managing director has been sacked and the group now expects profits to be even lower than indicated at the time of the last trading update. The shares fell 9p at 38p.

better start than even the most optimistic stock market bull could have forecast. The minimum bid in Friday's auction was reckoned to be 217p, way above the 484p to 510p predicted by some City pundits.

Opening at 522p the price touched a peak of 576p, before ending the day at 5662 p. a rise of 42p, and worth £1,486 to members offered 250 free shares each.Capitalised at £3



billion A&L is the 60th biggest quoted company in Britain and set to take its place as a constituent of the FT-SE 100

index on June 23. Paul Kavanagh, at Killik & Co, the private client broker, says members should hold on to their shares: "The dividend yield is nigh on 5 per cent for those allocated them and should continue to grow. Its a good one to hold in the current filmate of low interest rates

and low inflation", he says. The A&L is the first of four building societies to seek banking status and a stock market listing. Trading starts in the Halifax in June, followed by the Woolwich in July Northern Rock in

Their emergence has refocused attention on the banking sector, which has outperformed the rest of the market since July of last year. Abbey National was a case in point, adding 14p at 8122 p.

Johnny de la Hey, banking analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, says there is still scope for the banks to outperform in both terms of share price and dividend growth. The big banks have consoli-

dated their position in the market place and, according to Laing, are capable of dividend growth of 12 per cent per annum up until 1999. Top of its shopping list are Barclays, up 182p at E10.282, NatWest. 182p higher at 697p. Bank of Scotland, 14p dearer at 33912 p, ahead of results tomorrow, and Royal Bank of Scotland, 142 p better at 544p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Weaker European bond markets combined with growing political uncertainty left prices lower on the day. Sspeculation that President Chirac is about to call a general election in France and growing fears a hung parliament in Britain after May I, unsettled investors. They proved reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of tomorrow's £2 billion auction. In the futures pit, the June

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□ NEW YORK: US blue-chip shares held small gains in early trading. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.02 points to 6,709.57.

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#### **MAJOR INDICES**

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#### **MAJOR CHANGES**

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JBA Hldgs	720p (+45p)
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Bank Scotland	339¹₂p (+14p)
Innovative Tech	331p (+12p)
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Nat West	697p (+18'±p)
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### **TEMPUS**

### The selling of Bates

UNRAVELLING the mistakes of the 1980s is how Bob Seelert describes his demerger of the Cordiant Group. Months of agonising has come up with the solution everone else thought of years ago - put Saarchi & Saarchi in a different company from Bates. This gets rid of the problem afflicting Bates, since Saatchi bought it in 1986, that it could not take on as clients anyone who conflicted with Proctor & Gamble because that was a Saatchi client. Suddenly the world gets larger for Bates without getting smaller for Saatchi.

However the structure Cordiant and its advisers has come up with is not ideal. The Bates and Saatchi opeartions will have separate listings, at no extra cost, which implies the central overhead of Cordiant is still too high. But the Zenith media buying agency is left straddling the two new

businesses uncomfortably. And given that Bates recently took the Wendy's hamburger chain media buying away from Zenith, one wonders how committed it is to a business in which it will have 50 per cent. One suspects Zenith is making too little money to be allowed out on its own at the moment.

And then why does the Bates side get all the minor gems, such as National Research Group and HP:ICM? This is likely to make a much more profitable company in the medium term than Saatchi and make it look a sensible move to turn down the bid approaches from True North in favour of a float. However the shunning of True North may only be temporary. Mr Seelert admits that anyone would be free to buy Bates once it is floated. Do they have to wait that long? Make no mistake. the "for sale" sign was put on Bates yesterday.

#### Premier Farnell

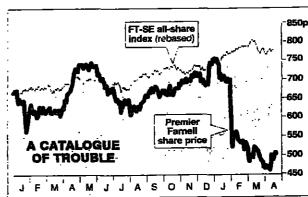
THE excuses were all lined up yesterday when Howard Poulson started the process of saving his job as chief executive of Premier Farnell. Exchange rates had cost about th million. The volume business sold at Christmas made £10 million less than it should have. This meant the real profits were only about 6 per cent below what Farnell had expected when it spent £1.85 billion on Premier, the giant US com-

ponents distributor. What is more, the reason this was not all that good was that the world semiconductor shortage has turned into a glut. So the premium prices Premier's Newark catalogue business was getting have dried up. But there are lots of initiatives - like putting pictures and a full price range in the faunching Farnell in the States - which will help.

Newark catalogue and

But it is not really good enough. Mr Poulson gave the City a story of jam tomorrow from Premier. What he either did not know. or did not tell, was that the business was enjoying exceptional profits at the time of the purchase. So the new

vision was being built on shifting foundations. An investor presentation on Thursday may add confi-dence, but there is no sign of this jam, Given the market only put the shares up lp to 499p, leaving them nearly 200p under the price before February's profits warning, the City clearly wonders if it



#### Sainsbury

GAINING planning permission to build large stores has become very difficult, to the frustration of all the supermarket groups. This means that J Sainsbury, which wants to rebuild its market share, could be tempted to start bidding for some stores from the CWS retail business if they eventually come up for sale.

The CWS retailing side includes 537 food stores and 32 non-food stores. The most attractive ones are the 60 superstores and 180 super markets. The rest are, for the main part, corner shops.

The particular appeal for J Sainsbury would be the 🚻 supermarkets and seven superstores in Scotland. where it is under-represented after losing the battle with Tesco to take over William Low. Moreover, the CWS food operating margins, excluding the milk business, are only 3.3 per cent and could easily be improved by

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becoming part of a big supermarket family.

So the temptation to get involved is there, but it would be a foolhardy move. There be no more than a handful of stores that really suit Sainsbury's purpose and it is highly unlikely that Lanica — the would-be buyer of CWS, which apparently wants to carry on running the retail side — would sell only its best stores to a rival. Sainsbury certainly needs to look for opportunities to steal a march on Tesco: this is not

#### RJB

likely to be one.

BEASTLY power generators. For years, they stood shoulder to shoulder supporting the national coal industry, buying good British coal providing good British heat to good British living rooms. Now, they look like casting

aside their co-operative past and bunking off with ten miltion tonnes of foreign coal at keen prices, brought courtesy of the soaring pound. RJB is bracing itself to sell 33 million tonnes of coal this year. at a cost of some 123p per gigajoule. Now that PowerGen has ordered 4.5 million tonnes elsewhere. RJB could face a pile-up of unwanted coal, and price pressure that rises with the pound.

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With the last governmentbrokered contract expiring next year, RJB is so far failing to impress its transition from state lapdog to market animal. But it can still rely on one loyal friend: the incapacity of ports. Imported coal is unlikely to exceed ten million tonnes in 1998, against the industry need for 40 million. If 4.5 million has already been signed up to PowerGen. this leaves at least 25.5 million tonnes available for RJB.

Having spent so much cleaning up its potential mines. RJB's debt leaves it a finely balanced act with little room for error. But as long as exports stay down, there is

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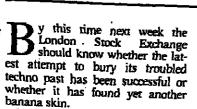
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More than a decade after the Big Bang revolution ended face-to-face dealing on the Exchange floor, and after spending more than £130 million finding the right computer system, the Crest project will finally face its test of mass dealing by an army of private investors.

The 80 million-plus Alliance & Leicester shares traded yesterday will be due for "settlement" next Monday. The Crest paperless share-trading project, which cost £29 million to build and costs £23 million a year to run, should cope with few problems. The fact is that the A&L share deals will be parcelled into 30 or 40 lots so there should be little increase on daily Crest settlements, which are running at around 145,000 transactions.

CrestCo, the operating company for the new system, may be separate from the Stock Exchange, but the

### Wave of flotations promises critical test of Crest project

network inextricably links the fate of the two concerns. Whichever way you look at it computers and the Stock Exchange have spelt trouble and expense since Big Bang on October

Between 1985 and 1993, when the ill-fated Taurus electronic settlement of shares and registrations project was abandoned, the Exchange spent well over £100 million on technology to little effect. Worse still was the rapid turnover of chief executives at the Stock Exchange, culminating in the very public sacking of Michael Lawrence in January 1996.

At that point - and certainly until last summer - it was open talk in the City that the Stock Exchange was an anachronism, with the markets dominated by the most powerful players.

their own way and were prepared to fight for their interests. Not only had the Exchange frittered tens of mil-lions of pounds on useless technology but it rarely managed to pursue insider dealers and general market abusers with any authority.

The Exchange has also been criticised for its attitude to small investors. The shift to paperless share trading under Crest has meant a move away from owning shares under individual names to the use of nominee accounts. There is nothing arcane in nominee accounts. They do mean, however, that many individual shareholders behind these accounts do not receive annual reports and accounts and do not have the automatic right to attend annual meetings unless they are prepared to Exchange also faces competition from Tradepoint, which received the go-ahead from City watchdogs last September to start business as a recognised investment exchange. Realistically though Tradepoint is still

The real test for Crest, and the trading volumes it can handle, will come later in the summer when the Halifax, Woolwich and Norwich Union all shed their mutual status.

In the meantime, Gavin Casey, who took over as Exchange chief executive last August, can look back with some satisfaction. A new orderdriven share-trading network for City professionals is moving forward and the insider dealing unit has a new artifical intelligence monitoring

Many observers believe that there is a conflict of interest between the Stock Exchange's role as a regulator on the one hand and a commercial entity on the other. This could be resolved if Labour forms the next government and the promised re-form of the financial services indus-try and the role of City watchdogs proceeds as planned.

Even so, the Stock Exchange has read the tea leaves on its commercial future and acted promptly. In London recently a delegation from China toasted the first listing on the UK exchange of a Chinese company and more will follow. The listing was the result of two years hard graft by the Treasury, the Stock Exchange and the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog. That

same team is looking to attract other overseas business to London. The Stock Exchange has started its fightback and it would be rash to write off its chances of survival just yet, but Crest is a vital ingredient in that success formula.

ROBERT MILLER

pended on the reliability of

their informants and contacts. An ineffective contacts net-

work can make life miserable

for sleuths. In 1992, the Russian

Government hired Kroll to

track down the billions of

dollars thought to have been

spirited out of the country by

corrupt Communist Party

officials. Kroll had experience

in asset tracking. It had some

success in recovering the hidden assets of Ferdinand Mar-

cos, the former president of the Philippines, and Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti. But Kroll's

Russian effort proved fruitless.

It had enormous trouble pene-

trating Russia's secretive and

inefficient bureacracy and sus-

pected that the Russian Gov-

ernment, in the end, lacked the

political will to get the job done. Katz said the "problem solv-

ing" side is experiencing explo-

use them to examine whether a

claim is honest. Although busi-

ness is booming, private inves-tigators are having trouble

shaking their "dirty raincoat"

image. While Kroll's examina-

tion of Roy Tazzyman's dust-

bins presented no legal

problems, it reinforced a shab-

was hired by Austria's billion-

aire Swarovski family to shed

some light on the failure of

Zale, the big Texas jewellery chain in which it had a half

interest. But the family did not

want Zale's management to

know Kroll was on the case.

The three-man Kroll team got

around the hurdle by infiltrat-

ing Zale through a small investment banking firm. But the Kroll people were exposed.

Luckily for Kroll, the matter

blew over; the worst outcome

could have meant the loss of its

investigator's licence in Texas.

A fine line divides legitimate

market research and theft of

propriety information. Privacy

and ownership rules differ in each country. The trick for priv-

ate investigators is to use the

most effective intelligence gath-

ering methods without straying

For companies that employ

them, the trick is to ensure no

one knows they have been

hired. Once that little secret is

out, the sleuths can become an

instant liability. Andrew Regan scored a public relations vic-

tory of sorts when the Co-op

admitted using private detec-

tives. It has tarnished its other-

wise squeaky clean image.

too far into the grev zone.

roll, for its part, has

been accused of mis-

representation. In

1992 for example, it

### Convergence of parties hits hopes for full employment

John Grieve Smith jogs our memories

over election campaign's forgotten issue

of the convergence of Labour and Conservative policies has been any discussion of full employment, the abandonment of which was an integral part of the Thatcher revolu-tion. The election debate on unemployment has been limited to palliative measures to help particular groups of the unemployed. However, unemployment, despite its recent fall, remains more than three times higher than the average level in the first 30 years after the Second World War. Monetary and budgetary policy is now based on maintaining a minimum level of 1.5 million to 2 million unemployed as an essential means of regulat-

ing inflation. Full employment is not simply a matter of fewer people suffering the frustra-tion and hardship of being unemployed. Its abandonment, along with the accompanying measures to make the labour market more "flexible", has led to a serious growth in inequality and insecurity. Apart from those registered as unem-

more are effnied a chance to work. Flexibility has become a euphemism for the casualisation of employ-

sive growth. Luxury goods companies have hired sleuths ment rather to find the source of counterfeit than an attempt to baiproducts. Investment firms have hired them to check out ance the varying needs of rumours that a valuable group employers to those of their of staff, such as analysts or employees. Until recently the Labour bankers, may be preparing to defect to a rival firm. Insurers

Party remained pledged to restore full employment, a goal explicitly reaffirmed by it the 1994 Lab our Party Conference. Since then, however, new Labour has limited its proposed attack on unemployment to helping the young and longterm unemployed and promised to follow similar (if not stricter) financial policies to the Tories. But without a stronger demand for labour, such measures will

All the main parties now subscribe to the New Orthodoxy, with the following three main tenets: ☐ Inflation should be controlled by interest rates, preferably by an independent

have little, if any, effect on

the total number of jobs.

central bank ☐ Budgets should not be used for demand management (or at least not to stimulate demand; if they reduce it, that is a bonus), and budget deficits should

be kept to a minimum at all

🛘 Unemployment is purely a problem of the labour market to be solved by deregulation and increased flexibility, ie, reducing the cost of labour. This is the doctrine on which the Treaty of Maastricht was so disastrously based. It ignores the fact that higher interest rates only curb inflation by making trade more difficult, and create unemployment in order to ease the pressure of wage demands. Measures to reduce budget deficits (which are themselves a

consequence of high unem-

ployment) are aggravating

an already serious unemployment problem in many EU countries, with potentially explosive political

The reduction of unemployment does not depend on making labour cheaper, as the various labour market "solutions" suggest. If the demand were there, most firms could increase their sales and output profitably at existing price and wage levels. The key problem is how to run the economy at a higher level of demand and lower unemployment without increasing inflationary

As things are, the new Government will come under immediate pressure to raise interest rates or taxes to avoid any further increase in demand for fear of inflation. If unemployment is to be reduced further, the two essentials are to take steps to avoid the stronger bargaining power of labour leading to excessive wage increases, and to expand industrial capacity so that stronger demand does not drive up prices or suck in imports.

together confidence in continued expansion, which firms need to invest in additional capacity, depends on a convincing solution to

policies to the Tories 9 the pay prob-This can only come from

**6** Labour has

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agreement between the Government, unions and employers to keep wage increases to a moderate level in both the private and

grasped, there can be little hope of any substantial reduction in unemployment. To try to enforce a strict pay policy in the public sector alone will only accentuate the threat of politically damaging disputes in key public

The new Government after the election should make a fresh start by setting up an Economic Policy Council with representatives of unions and employers to formulate a medium-term strategy encompassing both the demand and supply side policies needed to achieve

full employment.
The alternative to continued use of mass unemployment to regulate inflation is to move forward to an era of formulating economic policy by co-operation and agreement - in fashionable terms, a "stakeholding"

It is strange that new Labour is so afraid to offer us this choice: this must be the first time a British political party has gone into an election with a platform designed to appeal more to its opponents than its supporters!

John Grieve Smith is author of Full Employment. A Pledge Betrayed (published last month by Macmillan at £15.99) and co-editor with Jonathan Michie of Employment and Economic Performance (published this week by OUP at £15.99).

# Grubby world of the gumshoe thrives in a complex market

**Eric Reguly** 

says watching the detectives

demonstrates

modern needs

The boys from Kroll largest corporate sleuthing firm, could not believe their luck. They had been rummaging through the dustbins of the Dorset home of Roy Tazzyman, former chief executive of Davy International, and found some curious refuse: faxed letters to senior executives at VAI of Austria, one of Davy's main competitors.

Gumshoes were not supp osed to have it this easy. Kroll delivered the papers to Kvaerner, the Norwegian engineering group that inherited Davy when it bought Trafalgar House for about £900 million last year. Kvaerner was delighted. Here, at last, was evidence that supported its belief that Davy was leaking confi-

dential information to VAI. Kvaerner used the duston booty to persuade a High Court judge to allow it to raid the UK offices of VAL, Mr Tazzyman's new employer, where it claimed to have found thousands of Davy documents, including computer disks and technical material. Kvaerner accused VAI of industrial espionage and dirty tricks on a grand scale, triggering a legal row that has yet to conclude. Industrial espionage, or cor-

porate intelligence, as its practitioners prefer to call it, is nothing new. It has been a part of life since the dawn of commerce for the simple reason that it can provide crucial strategic advantages in a hurry. Stealing a dazzling new technology is cheaper than developing it yourself. Confidential information about a product launch, marketing campaign, acquisition strategy or the boss's mistress can alter the competitive landscape overnight. Kroll's revelation that the late Lord White's beloved racehorses were bought for him by Hanson helped to discredit Hanson's bid for ICI.

Andrew Regan, the young acquisitor with his sights set on the Co-operative Wholesale Society, believes he is the latest victim of corporate spying. He has accused his opponents of using video cameras to keep tabs on him and his family. The Co-op, of course, might argue that it is just trying to level the playing field. It wants to know if Regan received any confidential information from the two Co-op executives who were suspended last week.



the world's fastest growing industries. Almost every large company either has investigate ors on staff or employs them in special circumstances. Defence contractors like Racal would not be in business unless it kept its security experts hopping to meet the Government's "List X" requirements. The backounds of employees in sensitive project areas are thoroughly screened. Offices and board rooms are routinely swept for

electronic bugging devices.

Traditionally, the mergers and acquisitions business has made thorough use of corporate investigators. Kroli, the industry leader, and its rivals were behind-the-scenes players in almost every large takeover of the 1980s and 1990s. In Britain, Kroll was secretly hired in Corporate sleuthing is one of 1995 by Rhone-Poulenc Rorer to

Like old times

PETER DOYLE, a director at

Zeneca, is joining Oxford

Molecular as a non-executive

director. His appointment to

the board of the group that

boasts five Nobel laureates on

its scientific advisory board

will be Doyle's first external

non-executive directorship.

Tony Marchington, chief ex-

ecutive, first met Doyle when

he was a young graduate,

employed to work under him at Zeneca. I thought Peter

was very scary at the time, but

we're very good friends now."

On course to wed

CONGRATULATIONS to

Martyn Arbits on the en-

examine when Fisons, the British drugs company it eventual-fy won in a £1.7 billion hostile takeover, might receive US approval for the long-delayed sale of a US subsidiary.

It is suspected that Varity of the US hired private investigators last year to determine whether any company had plans to challenge its proposed merger with Lucas Industries. The investigators - their names have not been revealed - learnt that BBA, the former British Belt and Asbestos company, was eager to spoil the party. Surprisingly, private gumshoes played no role in last year's attack by Granada on the Forte hotels and catering group. But Forte turned down the opportunity to employ in-

vestigators partly because it

feared their presence would

come to light and trigger a public relations nightmare. Since mergers and acquisitions are cyclical, corporate sleuths have had to develop other sources of income. According to Jeff Katz, the manag-ing director of Kroll's UK office, the bulk of any large investigations firm divides into two areas: corporate intelligence and "problem solving". The former is designed to avoid a potential disasters; the latter

to fix existing ones. For the most part, corporate intelligence is a sophisticated form of due diligence. The sector is growing because corporations are increasingly dealing in international markets and often lack enough information about foreign partners to trust them. Before putting down £100 million to build a car com-

ponents factory, say, in Eastern Europe, they want some assurance that their local partners will not vanish with the loot. Katz said: "Some countries in Eastern Europe are like the Wild West, How do you know that the people you're getting involved with are legit?"

To check them out, investigators use a combination of public records and interviews, most of them done covertly, with anyone who may have knowledge of the partners in question. In these cases, investigators rely heavily on a network of local contacts that may have taken years, even decades, to nurture. The most successful sleuthing firms "buy in" their networks by hiring professionals, such as former police officers, FBI and CIA agents, prosecutors and jour-

> weren't a natural fit with the business weekly, has been appointed as the editor. Charles Kerr. 25, the former sales director of Sunday Business, has been appointed as the publishing director. Readers will remember that both men were caught in London Zoo, attempting to steal a

### Hot plate

DAVID PROCTOR, managing director of Xpedite Systems, the fax service provider. has been showing off his latest toy. Squeezed in the executive parking spot of the York-based company is a rather unexciting executive saloon, emblazoned with the number plate "Al FAX". Proctor forked out more than £1,000 for the Eighties throwback, and insists that it was money well spent. "My children think it's terrific," he

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#### The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society Notice to Members

Results of Voting on Special Resolution

The Special Resolution to approve the demutualisation and flotation of The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society, was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on 18 April 1997 at the London Arena, 36 Limeharbour, London E14 9TH.

Ernst & Young, was as follows: Votes cast in favour of the Special Resolution:

Votes cast against the Special Resolution: 21,052

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Graham Jones Secretary 8 Surrey Street Norwich NRI 3NG

### Black and blue

A NON-EXECUTIVE director at CrestCo is cutting her teeth as the Tory candidate for the Labour stronghold of Kirkcaldy.

Charlotte Black, 37, the designer-clad marketing director at Brewin Dolphin, won't be back in the office until May 6. A "born and bred Fifer currently living in Mayfair, her family have been on the board of Nairn's, the linoleum factory in Kirkcaldy, for more than a century. A local businessman has aiready fallen for Black's slogan ('if you want a bright future - vote Black"), offering her a nightclub bouncer to act

as chaperone. But what about CrestCo? "Alliance & Leicester is just a dress rehearsal for the big bang in June," she says. "As far as I can see, everyone is in their costume and is ready

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Arbib: keen sportsman

gagement of his youngest daughter, Melanie, a Montessori teacher in London. The 57-year-old father of two and chairman of Perpetual, the top-performing fund manage-

ment group, says he couldn't their cashcard. Mark Rollabe more pleased with her choice Andrew White, the son of a major-general, who works in sports management. Arbib, a keen sportsman himself, and lover of the turf, has been teaching his prospective son-in-law a thing or two on the golf course. A wedding has been pencilled in for this

**CITY DIARY** 

Debit side

ITS not figures but spellings that Sainsbury's Bank is struggling with. The supermarket turned finance house promises to give 1,000 reward points to customers opening a savings account whose names have been wrongly spelt on

son, a civil servant living in Coventry, picked up his bonus points when the bank misspelt his name "Rollonson". Keen to cover its mistake, the bank wrote him a letter to apologise, addressed to Mr Rollonson.

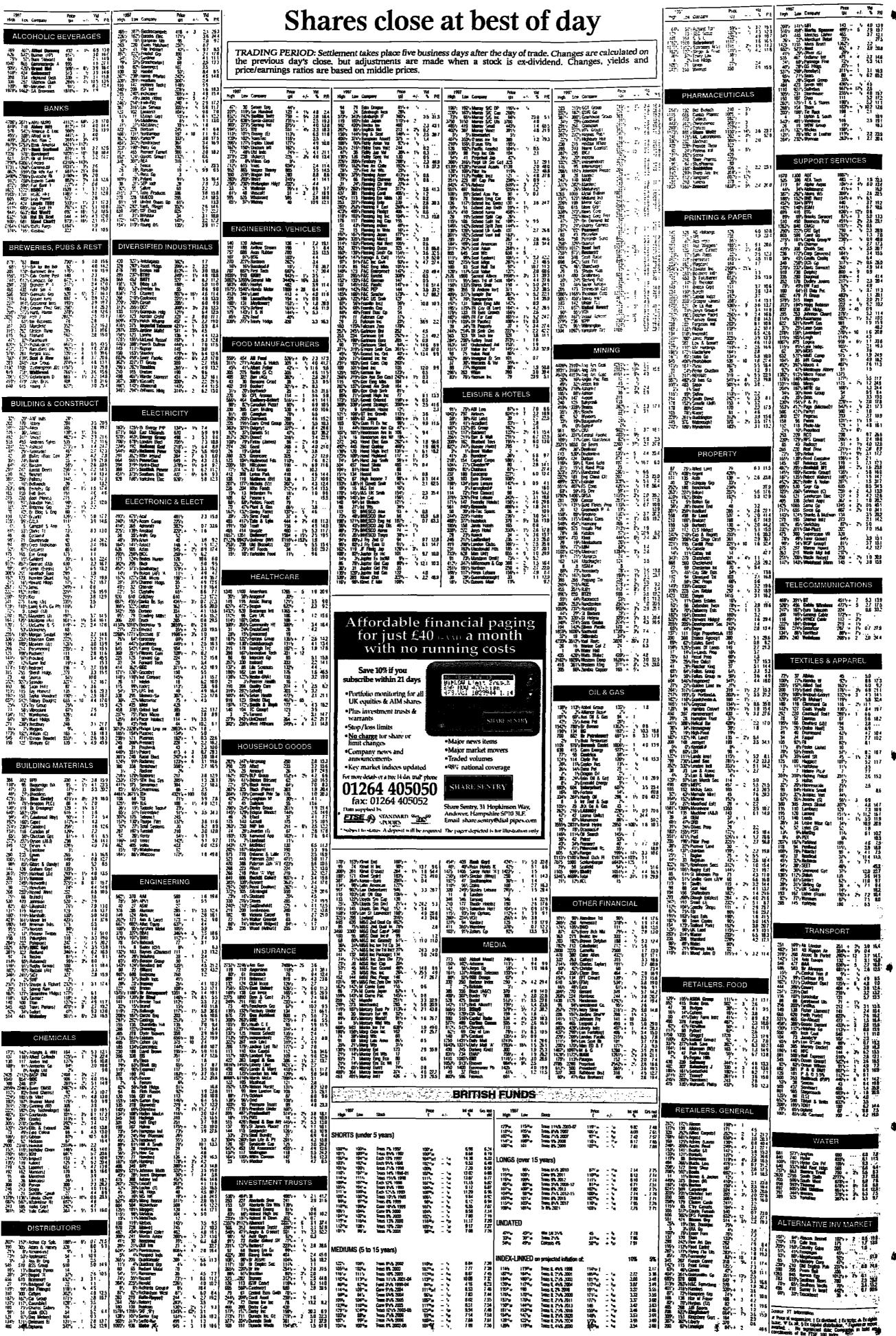
Back in business

ALMOST a year since BusinessAge magazine disappeared from the newstands, it is about to be relaunched. First published by Tom Rubython in 1992, it was sold to VNU Business Publications in January 1995. Anil Bhoyrul, 30, the former associate editor of Sunday Business, whose political leanings

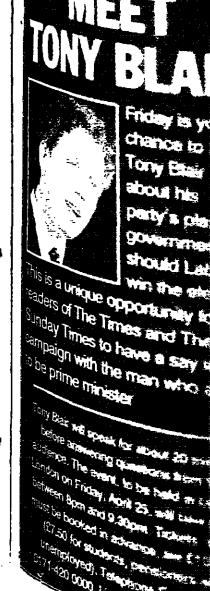
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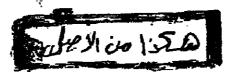
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### Staveley to sell division as part of refocusing

BY OLIVER AUGUST

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Barings. Staveley's appoint-

ed banker, has received state-

ments of interest from

companies in the UK and in

the US. The measurements

business is split geographically between Europe and

Mr Hitchens said: "We pre-

fer to sell it all in one because it

would be quicker. But this is

no fire sale. We are looking at

a six-month programme and

The sale of Staveley Mea-

surements will result in a

stronger balance sheet and a

more focused approach which

will enhance the growth rate

of Staveley Services, the group

part of the new strategic focus.

Redundancies have not been

ruled out in the company's

The group said it has identi-

fied annual savings in the

region of £3 million involving

one-off exceptional redundan-

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Harry Tuley, chairman, said: The recent strategic

review has confirmed the

board's belief that increasing

the focus on our services

businesses will create excel-

lent prospects for sustainable

Staveley Measurements

comprises Weigh-Tronix and

Salter Weighing, Chronos

Richardson Systems and Staveley NDT Technologies.

The division generated operat-

ing profits of £5.6 million in 1995-96 from sales of £135.6

Mr Hitchens said: "We had

to make a decision in terms of

focusing. And we decided to

focus on services which have

better growth prospects and

more investment opportuni-

ties. We couldn't afford to

invest in both services and

Staveley Minerals, the UK

salt and brine businesses, will

not be sold even though Mr

Hitchens conceded that there

are no synergy benefits. The division is being kept for its strong profit and cash

After the strategic review.

the group expects to have "a stronger balance sheet and

more focused approach to

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Tony Blair

about his

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Cost cutting in the group management structure is also

it's early days."

price of the business.

STAVELEY INDUSTRIES is to sell its £135 million measurements business as part of a strategic review that will see the group focus on the service sector.

Roy Hitchens, the chief executive, said he would prefer to sell Staveley Measurements as one business but may consider selling off parts of it if that would

### Venture capital deals top £3bn

By ROBERT MILLER

BRITISH venture capital companies had another bumper year in 1996, investing a record £3.2 billion worldwide.

Annual figures published yesterday by the British Venture Capital Association (BVCA) show that investment in the UK rose by 31 per cent last year to £2.8 billion. In the past five years UK investment by venture capital firms has nearly tripled from £989 million.

The venture capital industry provides funding for young companies but its main source of growth has been in backing manbuy-ins and buyouts. Investment in start-ups and other earlystage companies rose 54 per cent to £131 million but was dwarfed by the record £2.i billion invested in

buy-ins and buyouts. The average size of financing in deals done last year increased to £2.3 million from £L9 million. The South East grabbed the lion's share of funding with £1.2 billion and it doubled in the North West to £355 million and to £82 million in East Anglia.

David Quysner, chair-man of the BVCA, said: "Investment into venture capital funds needs to be increased and sustained so that the industry can continue to play its vital role in supporting the successful high-growth businesses of tomorrow that create real jobs and boost the UK economy.



John McGrath, left, and George Bull have overseen a series of disposals in the past 12 months

### GrandMet sells Aunt Nellies

By Alasdair Murray

GRAND METROPOLITAN, the drinks and food company. will take a £39 million charge at the half-year stage after the sale yesterday of its US fruit and vegetable business for £15 million

GrandMet is disposing of the Aunt Nellies Farm Kitchaured as part of The Pillsbury Company in 1988 and is being sold to Seneca Foods. The company said the exceptional charge included £28 million of previously written-off goodwill The business broke even on a turnover of \$50 million last year.

Paul Walsh, chief executive of Pillsbury, said the sale was part of the mbany's drive to dispose of low-return businesses. GrandMet has made a

series of disposals, including the sale of most of its European food operations, since John McGrath took over as group chief executive last year, succeeding George Bull, who is now the chairman.

Shares in the company rose to a five-year high, advancing continuing positive comment from analysts.

### Andersen warning over end

of PRP

ARTHUR ANDERSEN, which claims to be a pioneer of profitrelated pay (PRP), believes that the phasing out of tax relief on such schemes between now and the year 2000 will push up wage costs for all British businesses. Costs could rise as much as 8.4 per cent, according to an Arthur Andersen survey.

The business advisers believe that retailing, banking and the media, where profit-related schemes are common, will be especially hit but that the ripple effects will extend to the wider business community.

Arthur Andersen believes that more than 14,000 businesses covering 3.7 million workers could be affected. Brian Friedman, head of Andersen human capital services, says: "In many cases there is no easy replacement, so it is a question of how the extra tax is shared between employers and staff.

"While it is too early to make definite predictions, at least one third of respondents are looking simply to revert to a strategy will impose inevitable pain on employees and may eventually push up costs

for employers too.
"Unless a PRP exit strategy is clearly communicated to employees, they will feel they are losing out. Employers will then find they have been boxed into expedient action and may end up having to adopt the most expensive PRP replacement option.

A typical business would experience an extra 3.5 per cent increase in its payroll costs, if forced to top up employees pay. In extreme cases, the costs could be as much as 8.4 per cent."

Arthur Andersen said that on March 31 two thirds of respondents to its survey had not told staff of the implications of the phasing out of PRP. The consultants say: "An average employ-ee earning £20,000 a year stands to lose £2,070 over the next three years as tax relief on PRP is phased out. Once wage packets are hit in spring 1998, employees will be concerned. Employers should plan replacement programmes now."

Routes for exiting from PRP include share-based incentive salaries, benefit packages and making up shortfalls in pay.

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Symonds uncovers 'holes in accounts'

SYMONDS, the engineering group, vesterday said that it had discovered "significant breaches of internal controls" in its precision engineering division. The company, based in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, issued a profits warning earlier this month. It has appointed Arthur Andersen, the firm of accountants, to investigate. Rod Ackrill, Symonds's chairman, said: "We have found some holes in the accounts which have managed to wipe out the division's profits for this year. But they won't wipe out the group's profits." Mr Ackrill said that the group's recent acquisitions and its core electronic assembly and printed circuitboard businesses

had performed in line with or exceeded expectations.

However, Symonds yesterday gave warning that its pretax profits were likely to be lower than expected. An
estimate of the results is expected to be included in a trading statement next month, while the final results are scheduled to be announced in June. Meanwhile, Ken Garner, who was dismissed as managing director of the precision engineering division earlier this month, has been replaced by Pat Curren, who joins Symonds from Burnfield, the engineering group based in Solihull, West Midlands.

### AT&T hit by launch costs

AT&T, the world's largest telephone company and British Telecom's main international competitor, reported a 17 per cent drop in first-quarter profits to \$1.13 billion, held back by the launch costs of several new operations. A new online business and expanded local and international services pushed up AT&T's expenses but analysts said the results were in line with expectations. Revenues advanced marginally to \$13.05 billion for the quarter as performance improved on local phone services and other operations.

### **British Fittings expands**

BRITISH FITTINGS, the stockholding and distribution company, is expanding its business through the £2.8 million acquisition of the pipeline equipment distribution arm of J Saville Gordon (Tubes & Fittings). British Fittings will assume responsibility for paying trade creditors and will collect £3.6 million of debt of Saville's behalf. The purchased business made a pre-tax profit of £760,000 last year on sales of £13.5 million. British Fitting is funding the deal by issuing 1.5 million shares at 113p.

### Bisichi lifts profits 41%

BISICHI MINING, the mining investment company, raised pre-tax profits 41 per cent to £161,000 in the year to December 31. Net assets rose 1 per cent to £6.14 million and earnings were up 48 per cent to 1.35p a share. The dividend increased 8 per cent to 0.81p The company returned to fullscale mining production for the first time since 1983 and expects the Black Wattle Colliery in South Africa to make a good contribution in 1997 because of strong demand for low-cost extraction coal. The shares rose 2p to 332p.

### Hamlet buys in JRI

HAMLET GROUP, the distribution group, is buying in the 49 per cent minority in its subsidiary JRI for £3.75 million. Hamlet is paying £250,000 cash and reducing inter-company debt by £3.5 million. JRI made £3.2 million in the 15 months to June 30, 1996, on sales of £38.8 million. Acquisition of the minority is subject to shareholder approval. The company also announced the appointment of John Lusher, a former main board director of Marks & Spencer, as chairman to replace Malcolm Dagul, who resigns at the end of the month.

### Zeneca invests £17m in fungicide plant

ZENECA Agrochemicals is supporting the sales growth of enhance significantly the its new fungicide by investing a further £17 million at its The shares responded to the news of the sale with a 540 manufacturing plant in Grangemouth in Scotland. The investment will create

about 50 jobs in a new formulation and packaging facility for Zeneca's Amistar fungicide. The company has previously spent £22 million on a plant in Grangemouth to make the active ingredient in Amistar

Since Amistar was first licensed in Germany in April last year, it has gained registrations on 12 crops in 14 countries. Zeneca said that these included cereals

and vines in Europe, bananas in Central America and turfgrass in the US. The company expects sales to accelerate as additional registrations are Amistar is effective against

a wide range of fungal diseases that have become resistant to existing fungicides. Zeneca also said its new Ell million plant at Cold Creek, Alabama, has begun

producing a key constituent for Amistar.

☐ Peter Doyle, the Zeneca director in charge of research and development, has joined the board of Oxford Molecular, the drug design software company.

### Cirqual spending £14m

CIRQUAL, the specialist engineering group, is spending £14.7 million on buying RFI. an electronic components supplier, and Thomas Wild Forgings a private metal-forging and casting business (Chris

The biggest outlay is for RFI, which is being bought for £9 million from Siebe, the

international controls manufacturer. Both purchases are being funded by increased

bank borrowings. Cirqual's interim results for the six months to February 28 showed pre-tax profits doubling from El.34 million to E2.78 million. Turnover was also up. from £9.19 million to £13.47 million.

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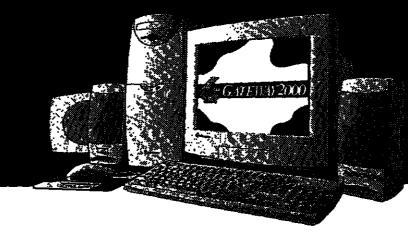
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VISUAL ART A masterpiece

in miniature: the National Gallery focuses on Dürer's superb painting of Saint Jerome



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VISUAL ART: The National Gallery is giving one small panel a special show. Richard Cork describes Saint Jerome

# Passion and power of Dürer's saint



Durer's Saint Jerome: the young artist shows profound sympathy with the torment of an old man testify to a deepening involvement order to paint his panel.

stone, Saint Jerome atones for past sins in a landscape as wild as his own emotions. The penitent's only companions are a lion, resting after the removal of a thorn from his paw, and two birds poised by a stream. But Jerome pays no attention to them. Absorbed in the ferocity of remorse, he kneels before a crucifix and punishes himself without

flinching. Although Albrecht Dürer was in his mid-twenties when he painted this small panel, it is fired by a profound sympathy with the torment of an old man. None of the scholarship and ecclesiastical renown Jerome accumulated during his long career avails him now. Driven by abject self-abasement into a hermit-like existence, he has flung his cardinal's robe and hat on the ground. The scarlet garment lies crumpled in a tangle of grass and plants, its fur-lined collar still curved into the shape of his neck.

No longer feeling that he deserves to be arrayed with such magnificence, Jerome bares his bald head, withered arms and bruised torso to the mountain air. He wants, like King Lear, to cast off worldly lustre and expose himself to "what wretches feel". Even the Bible, which secured his high reputation when he translated it into Latin, is used here merely as a prop to help him to retain his balance. Its pages offer no consolation as he strains upwards, searching for absolution in the heavens.

Since Dürer's painting is so diminutive, he could have been excused for concentrating on Jerome alone. But the fascination of this remarkably intense image, now the subject of a special exhibition at the National Gallery, arises from its all-encompassing scope. Far from focusing on one man's plight, Durer defies his panel's physical limits and offers a vision of the macrocosm surrounding Jerome in all its immensity.

The young artist's ability to perform such a feat had been sharpened by a trip to Venice in 1494-95. His Alpine watercolours

with close observation of nature. The knowledge gained during these studies helps to give the countryside in the National Gallery's painting its first-hand freshness, and the panel's extraordinary luminosity shows how much he must have learnt from his encounters with Venetian art. Bellini's Saint Jerome Reading in a Landscape, executed about a decade before Dürer's painting, is suffused with an alert, sensuring awareness of the sun's transforming impact on

locale. The radiance achieved by Dürer surely owes a great debt to his Italian contemporaries, and the National Gallery's panel was for many years ascribed to the Veronese artist

Francesco Caroto. The longer we look at this hallucinatory picture, however, the more it seems the unmistakable product of a north ern European imagination. Dürer has no

interest in echoing the serenity of Bellini's hermit, who sits on a rock and examines his biblical text with complete calm.

In Dürer's troubled version the lion is given a substantial role, reclining next to Jerome and staring with a pent-up power that might easily erupt in sudden action. The bullfinch and goldfinch by the water, clearly identifiable despite their microscopic size, are within perilous range of his paw. Durer defines their plumas

and the pebbles on the bank of the stream, with a naturalist's precision. Of all German Renaissance artists, he was the one who best exemplified his era's awakening insistence on an empirical scrutiny of nature. Watercolours included in the exhibition prove how intently he explored the minutiae of rock formations in a quarry near his Nuremberg home, or the interplay between water, pines and sky in an especially limpid scene. Even though some spontaneity was lost, Durer's rapt response still animates the deliberation he needed in

dense accumulation of knowledge about the landscapes he had studied. But there is nothing pedantic about his determination to pack sections of the picture with an abundance of plant-life and heavily foliated trees.

Above all else, he ensures that the landscape contributes to the emotional turbulence experienced by the saint himself. Looking at this image, we gradually realise how many of its diverse elements end up conveying the pressure inside the penitent's head. The

rock face surging above **6** Even the the lion is vertiginous enough to induce dizziness in the most sea-Bible is no soned climber. Firs threaten to tumble from consolation its heights, and this unsteadiness affects Jeas he rome's body as well. His left knee juts out searches for awkwardly as it struggles to remain secure. Jagged folds of drapery a sign 🤊

> and calf alike, accentuating his bodily strain. He seems almost as liable to fall as the crucifix in front of him, perched so insecurely in the stripped and rotting fibre of a dead tree-trunk. Even the Gothic church spire in the forest behind seems about to be engulfed by oppressive vegetation,

gather around thigh

pressing against it from every side. No wonder the old man looks apprehensive as he searches for a gn in the firmament. Unlike Bellini's Jerome, Dürer's saint sports a beard riddled with convoluted waves. They seem to be the outward manifestation of his own nervous energy, and the tension finds no release in the sky blazing above a snowy mountain range on the horizon. Strips of brilliant vellow cast a barbarous glow on the land glimpsed beyond the saint's outstretched right arm, making the earth appear to be streaked with

Still more disturbing are the clouds agitating the space Dürer gives them. In an engraving of the subject he produced around the

weeds continue to sprout at the top of the picture. In the painting, by contrast, an unusually generous amount of the composition is given over to sky alone. And the clouds invading it are agitated. Dark patches swirl and writhe in front of their paler counterparts, giving

them all a gathering instability.

The suspicion that they might be reacting to some greater cosmic turbulence is confirmed by the mysterious image painted on the reverse of the panel. Executed with a slashing freedom reminiscent of the apocalyptic paintings made by Ludwig Meidner just before the First World War, it exchanges the clarity of the other side for tantalising elusiveness. But it appears to centre on a yellow fireball. giving off scarlet rays while shooting across a dark sky. Since Durer's parents knew the astrono-mer Bernhard Walther, who helped to conduct pioneering investigations into comets, he may have based this painting on scientific research. In 1492 a meteor fell in Germany, and Dürer was himself able to scan the heavens after buying Walther's house with its built-in observatory.

Il the same, his willingness to flick particles of paint into this spattered mage removes it from the looks more like a nightmare experienced by the artist, a portent of the apocalypse he went on to depict in is celebrated series of woodcuts inspired by the Revelations of Saint John. There, burning stars rain on defenceless population. Here, in the painted panel, the explosion on one side is not allowed to invade the landscape on the other. But the threat of obliteration is palpable enough, and Jerome is supposed to have heard the trumpets sounding the Last Judgment as he assailed his own flesh. Hence the overriding mood of suspense in a complex work where, even as Dürer rejoices in the richness of the natural world. he emphasises its alarming fragility.

same time, trees and monstrous Gallery (0171-747 2885) until June 8

BETWEEN Ireland and London, in the never-never-land beyond passport control in the apparently endless tubular corridors at Heathrow's smart new Pier 4a, are a series of deliberate, well-judged artistic interventions. Complaints about the length of the walkways prompted the BAA, advised by the Public Art Development Trust, to give three Irish artists a rare opportunity to try out repetition on a non-stop, not necessarily willing audience. In a strange, unnerving take, where what seems to be a reflection in a mirror turns out to be a precise and exact copy running down the other side, Andrew Kearney's elaborately rounded counters protrude from the wall like closed sea anenomes. Each carries a numerical count which

appears to change, move or shift at

Ten years ago, Walter Moseley paid his rent

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### AROUND THE GALLERIES

the passing of each passenger. In the middle of the journey, Philip Napier has shunted up a mass of black and white printed place names from the front of Irish buses till they appear from far away to be a sea of pointillist painting. From close up a mass of familiar as well as unknown names are accompanied by the melodious sound of names read out in Gaelic. In the last section, Points of View by Frances Hegarty, a number of photographic portraits of past passengers have been adjusted, extended, distorted in the computer until they work with the movement along the conveyor walkway.

Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1, Pier 4a (0181-745 7224) until December.

THREE photographs and two paintings from the Eighties by Julian Schnabel, the last big "romantic" painter, are on show at Timothy Taylor Gallery. Bucephalus (1988), a large painting upon a dirty tarpaulin. has chunky lettering spelling nothing much painted across it, yet despite the fact that such grand paintings are out of fashion, it still looks good. Timothy Taylor Gallery, I Bruton Place, London W1 (0171-409 3344).

☐ AT Laurent Delaye there is a mixed show, curated by Margaret Murray, of image-packed new American painting. Cheryl Donegan shows a few dull unstretched

canvases, while three video monitors show the artist in various stages of making a painting. Christian Schumann's Eterno shows pill bottles and teardrops in a colourful caricature cartoon vision. "Naughty" Nicola Eisenman has set up a display like a windowsill at a seaside junk shop. interwoven with her slightly adolescent doodles and cheeky drawings. Across the surface of Steve DiBenedetto's Cathedral a network of detail spins together a highly coloured web of receding perspective. Alexis Rockman shows a world above and below the water line; the atmosphere is sultry, sinister and tropical. Laurent Delaye Gallery, 22 Barrett

Street, London WI (0171-629 5905), until May 24.

SACHA CRADDOCK

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But hold on a minute:

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ca listens to listen to himself?

# Much too late the heroine

Tith a brace of hit singles, a platinum-selling album and numerous awards to her credit (including a Brit for Best Female Artist), Gabrielle is one of the most successful of the British singers operating on the soul/pop interface.

Strangely, Gabrielle did not make her entrance until after the nine-piece band had warmed up with a largely instrumental funk work-out. thus eschewing the first rule of showbiz: always make a strong first impression. When she did appear, elegantly clad in a long black dress and matching jacket and shades, it was full speed ahead into a set that comprised much of her second, eponymous album.

I Live in Hope and Baby, I've Changed reveal Gabrielle's knack for combining the emotive phrasing of seminal Motown scul with the musical accourrements of the contemporary pop ballad. The effect is that the songs walk a precarious tightrope between

the profound and the bland. Gabrielle's deep, smoky voice is just the right mix of knowing world-weariness and smoothy sensuality but it is at its most poignant during when Gabrielle's mournful tones are accompanied by a sole acoustic guitar.



POP CONCERT

Gabrielle Olympia, Dublin

Most of the time, however, there is a small army of musicians and backing sing-ers on stage who, though slick and highly competent, seem to coast through the show in third gear, leaving the predominantly female crowd relatively subdued.

There was only widespread dancing in the seats during the encore, when Gabrielle sang her three most popular hits, the Bacharach/David classic Walk on By, Give Me a Little More Time and Dreams.

To return to showbiz tactics for a moment, Gabrielle would have been better ad-vised to play one of these trump cards earlier in the show instead of lumping them together at the end, when the game was all but lost.

NICK KELLY

# Private eye firmly in the public ear

These days, Walter Moseley is less a writer of detective stories than an American icon. Hettie Judah reports

mesmerising to watch; elo-quent, wise, witty and selfeffacing. His woebegone patriarch's face could travel from A day later, Moseley eases back on a sofa and lodges a can of Coke in the crook of his knee. I ask him whether Macmillan's blockbuster. emphatic concern to an ironic Yes. Miss Daisy" in seconds. It was like watching Moses doing stand-up comedy. Waiting to Exhale, really In the intervening decade. made such a difference to Moseley has written nine novblack authors. "She broke a barrier for black writers," he els, a couple of screenplays and been heralded as the hottest crime writer of his says. A black audience bought the book en masse: it generation and a major voice identified with the book and in Afro-American fiction. On would buy more books. She the 1992 campaign trail, Bill opened up the market, or Clinton flashed Moseley's novpointed out a market that was els like badges of credibility.

Easy Rawlins. Moseley's reluctant hero, is officially the President's fa-

vourite detective. Moseley's NFT appearance coincided with the publication of Gone Fishin', a novel featuring Rawlins and his psychopathic sidekick, Mouse, in pre-Second World War Texas. The novel is as fecund and bizarre as the bayou that spawned it, explaining the deep bond between the gentle Everyman Easy and the murderous Mouse. Far from being a derivative "prequel", this was the original Rawlins novel, written in 1988, shortly after his computer-programming epiphany. Asked why Gone Fishin had to wait nine years for publication. Moseley joked

"A black audience

already there." Unlike Macmillan's comfortable middle-class world,



Walter Moseley, hegetter of cult hero Easy Rawlins "PTM - pre-Teri Macmillan".

Gone Fishin' lingers long on the visceral. It is soaked in voodoo, fish guts, patricide, bloated toads and a grotesque scene with sausage fat. Moseley freely admits that he never holds back on physical description. For poor blacks living in the deep South, violence is a way of life. You don't have much, but the little bit you have, you have to

Moseley's written language is exquisitely observed; a rich, accepting dialect. "Simple language is dangerous language," he says. "Language that tells the truth, that you can understand, is dangerous; language that is flowery and obfuscated and removed into some kind of scholarliness is not taking any risks."

For all his determined realism, this is not Moseley's own language, and the experiences he details are those of a generation before him. "I lived in a neighbourhood in Los Angeles where most of the people had come from the deep South. When I was a child the stories I heard were from the deep South; obviously those are the stories that I would first start writing."

Eventually Moseley brought the characters of the unpublished Gone Fishin' lor-

ward to 1948, following the black migration from the South to the jazz-soaked. crime-ridden streets of Los Angeles. The result was Devil in a Blue Dress, recently made into a film as excellent as the book. It, and its successors, were published as detective fiction, but the problem-solving genre is used almost as an excuse to tackle problem issues: McCarthyism, rape within marriage, child prosti-tution... He has also founded Black Genius, a panel of 14 speakers including himself and the film director Spike Lee, which discusses everyday problems with local audiences - first in New York, but soon across the country.

is status in America is now such that a walkon part in his favourite television sitcom has been discussed. His growing potency as a black icon is apparent. Does he not feel crushed by responsibility? "I remember my father - who was no Republican - saying: There's one thing I liked about Eisenhower. he went to work at nine, he worked until five, and after that he went home. If you are the President, that's a hard job. You can't get exhausted, you can't get overly tired.

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James Katz (left) and Robert Harris, who have reconstructed the Vertigo Alfred Hitchcock filmed, but never saw ly every other Hollywood cus. My Fair Lady and Lawmovie from Jaws to Get Shorty: it even turned up in

years, a group of Hitchcock movies for Paramount dropped out of circulation. Londoners did get a chance to see them by hearing on the granevine that the cavernous old Scala cinema at King's Cross was having an occasionwas that Hitchcock himself had wilfully decreed that the prints be suppressed.

The truth is necessarily shabbier. They were junked by Paramount. "We were looking for the three-stripe magnetic track for Vertigo," says James Katz, "and we dug out this memo dated April 1967 confirming the destruction of the track. At once we knew that the same had happened to Rear Window, The Man Who Knew Too Much and The

"We also found that this was not a decision made by Hitchwas made by a lawyer with no film background who didn't know what he was suggesting

rence of Arabia, then spent 36 months bringing the Vertigo negative to its full glory. "It really wasn't until the

Japanese began buying into the American studios and asking what was in the library that everybody started to get diligent," Katz says. "Studios that acquired libraries - as

Universal did Paramount's - were at least aware of the value." Restoring sound is just one of the tasks. The track of Bernard Herrmann's evocative

music turned up in a different Paramount vault. "Interestingly things **9** enough, that was resays Katz, "because

of the musicians' strike in 1958. After one day the London musicians sympathised with the American unions and they had to finish the recording in Vienna." The London material was in steren, the Viennese mono, but the score is now remastered as full stereo.

Meanwhile, the aspect ratio has undergone dramatic

prints are in the convenient dimension known as Academy, which sits snugly in the television frame. But Vertigo was shot in Paramount's short-lived process called VistaVision, which used standard 35mm film to achieve a

wide-screen effect. It was

introduced on White Christmas, but the exhibitors balked at the requirement to install new projeccreate tors, and the handful of movies shot in a new VistaVision were generally seen renegative duction-printed to Academy, but with from no loss of frame. The

> one benefit to audiences was a sharper picture. For Vertigo, Katz and Harris have created a format they

call SuperVistaVision 70. "Rather than reduction-printing it." says Harris, "we've done a field enlargement of probably less than 10 per cent to fill the 70mm frame vertically, and then matted the sides to a standard wide-screen dimension." Hitchcock, Katz observes, never saw the film in

this way. Half a reel of work-in-

progress was shown at the San Francisco Film Festival a year ago, and the first screening of the full fruit of Harris and Katz's long labour was at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York last October. "It's easier and quicker to make a new movie than to restore an old one." Katz says with feeling. A criticism the movie origi-

nally attracted concerned its bleak end. Harris and Katz have turned up a discarded pay-off sequence marking the apprehension of the villain. "We added that to the laserdisc version, out of deference to Hitchcock." Katz says. "His family gave us permission because we all felt that the laser-disc is the definitive record of the movie. But it's separate from the film. It was made for censorship reasons, and we've made that clear."

He underlines the integrity of the work. "The word 'restoration' is handled about as a marketing term when people are just making prints off old negatives." "What we do", Harris interjects, "is create a new 65mm negative that's all cut together from different things. When it's projected on the screen you won't be able to tell. That's the trick."

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t is a measure of the genius of Alfred Hitchcock that so many of his . movies are haileď as his masterpiece. The 39 Steps. The Vanishes, Rebecca, Strangers on a Train, Rear Window, North by Northwest, Psycho and The Birds are widely touted; a dozen more

But for anyone who relishes the tradition of rapture and delirium in Hollywood filmmaking, his pièce de résistance is that haunting, dreamlike melodrama of 1958. Vertigo. The film's switchback reputation and its status as a quondam "lost movie" are entirely at one with its fiercely

can lay claim to the palm.

debated merits. The movie is set in the properly vertiginous city of San Francisco. Scottie Ferguson is retired from the police when afflicted by vertigo after seeing a colleague fall to his death. An old acquaintance enlists Ferguson's help to tail his wife, who seems to be possessed by an Hispanic ancestor. The pursuit becomes obsessive, all the more so once Ferguson has stopped Madeleine drowning herself. But his vertigo prevents him from saving her when she leaps

from a Spanish mission tower. Driven deeper into illness, Ferguson meets an office clerk who is strikingly like his dead love. He inveigles himself into Judy's regard and gradually persuades her to make herself over into a simulacrum of Madeleine. Unwittingly, she betrays the set-up into which Ferguson has blundered and. in recreating the staged suicide, he precipitates the exor-

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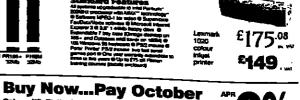
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IF YOU cannot avoid having an inconvenience thrust upon you, try to turn it to your advantage. So the Turner family decided when a main road was built through land near the town of Bideford, Devon, that their ancestors had owned for 350 years.

By the time the road opened in 1987 - with a junction only yards from the 400-acre farm at Abbotsham - Michael and Julie Turner, who were sheep and arable farmers, had decided to use their new accessibility to create a tourist industry, focused on sheep. Mr Turner then decided to start a milking flock and dairy that would be central to the

After several years' exten-sive research, and obtaining planning permission, they started the Big Sheep in 1988 along with their son, Ric, who had just left college with a degree in agriculture.

That year 20,000 visitors arrived and the new venture won the English Tourist Board's award, England for Excellence. It also achieved a distinction in the British Tourist Authority's "Come to Britain" category.

Although the Big Sheep is open all year, the busiest time begins at Easter. Generally there are 600 sheep (many more at lambing time), of which 200 are milked - a visitor attraction in itself.

The farm products, made from pasteurised ewes' milk. are popular, particularly with people allergic to other types of dairy produce. Milk is

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health food shops in the South West, including Cheltenham and Swindon, while hard and soft cheese is dispatched all over the country through mail

At first this was made by the Turners. Mr Turner is chairman of the British Sheep Dairying Association and he and his wife learnt the craft by attending a course in Scotland. The farm has won a certificate for quality produce at the International Cheese

Festival. Other sheep milk products have been added: ice cream (made on site and sold at, among other places, Bide-ford's theatre), fudge and some ten flavours of yoghurt. These are contracted out, us-

ing the farm's milk. The Big Sheep is currently attracting 100,000 visitors annually; perhaps more this season because the 1997 Good Guide to Britain has named it Devon's family attraction of the year. The secret, says Mr Turner, is to have live shows and demonstrations, not

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# Farmers have grown to appreciate visitors

A FARM holiday has moved far beyond providing pin money for the farmer's wife: today it means business for both farm and locality.

"Tourism and farming are very important-here," says Pamela Broadhurst, who offers self-catering and B&B at the traditional hill farm run by her husband, Nicholas, in Derbyshire's Peak District.

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years ago with a self-catering cottage. This proved so popular that she and her husband converted a barn, then opened the house's Tudor wing, also for self-catering. More recent-ly, they provided two bedrooms and a family room for B&B guests.

The English Tourist Board's inspection and grading system rates the premises "highly

lined curtains, fitted carpets, two bedside lights and modcons. "Service and standards are vital," says Mrs Broadhurst, "People expect the same as at home, if not better." Mrs Broadhurst is a direc-

three-year-old to a granny."

Local people are trained to

demonstrate spinning and weaving in the farm shop, which sells rugs and knitwear, and takes orders for pullovers

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wool. This year a second,

covered adventure play-ground will open — the first is

open-air — and catering has

been extended. Originally this

was managed by Mrs Turner, who provided home cooking.

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Ric Turner, who is 31, is

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tor and East Midlands representative of the Farm Holiday Bureau (FHB), which began in 1983 with government funding and is now a co-operative for

Those in areas of need may obtain grants for footpaths. faxes, computers and so on. The bureau publishes an annual guide, Stay on a Farm. In Devon, farm holiday turn-

over exceeded £1.5 million in 1995, part of a farm visitor spend of £2.75 million. Last autumn, Devon Farms Growth Initiative (DFGI) secured £60,000 over three years -

of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food - to improve their IT system, enhance and market their brochure and help each farm to buy a fax. Now the DFGI and FHB are expanding into Europe via the Internet.

"We've run some training to increase our professionalism and generate more business, explains Bridget Cole, herself a farmer's wife offering hospital-

The scheme -- backed by the Rural Development Commission, Dartmoor National Park and local authorities - has a visitor helpline run by Jill Balkwill, another farm caterer near Kingsbridge, to put potential clients in touch with vacancies at 120 member farms.

Devon Farms helpline: 01548 550312. Family Holiday Bu-

# Small firms form backbone of what will be world's largest industry

nesses are vital to each other. By the year 2000, according to the Scottish Tourist Board, tourism will be the largest industry worldwide, led mainly by small firms. In England, more than 90 per cent of tourist-related businesses have fewer than ten staff, while Welsh tourism employs 9 per cent of the

working population.
Small independent enterprises form the industry's backbone, offering B&B, self-catering and small ho-tels, while 134 farms, accredited by the Welsh Tourist Board, have formed local self-marketing consortiums. Among outdoor pursuits are riding, pony trekking and mountain biking. In Scotland, sole operators offer hill

climbing or walking pack-ages with guiding. Standards matter. Training schemes, often subsidised, range from courses for managers and employees who deal with the public, disabled people and foreign visitors, through basic instruction in languages such as Japanese.

Scotland runs Tourism Business Success: eight optional modules, such as mar-keting and finance, that count towards a National Vocational Qualification.

Tourism is a good line for small businesses, provided they have high standards, give good service, join the local tourist board and take training courses," says Mark Dowling, develop-ment director for South East England region.

Many ventures have add-

on attractions: vineyards may include a shop and/or restaurant; there is one that even has a herd of llamas. Risebridge Farm Holiday Cottages, a self-catering family business with ten cottages on a former hop farm at Goudhurst, provides indoor swimming, squash, badminton and a gym.

For self-employed people there is guiding - but it is best to have a Blue Badge. This requires an expensive two years of training, strin-

Philip Gelling, a London Blue Badge guide for 12 years, says that a second language especially a less well-known one — is an asset.

Guiding is well paid, with the added bonus of having the freedom to decide when you work. London has some 900 guides; others operate in Scot-land, Wales and the regions.

Other possibilities include a theme restaurant, such as Capital Radio and Football Football, or a special-interest museum. Bramah Tea and Coffee

Museum attracts international visitors "who see Britain as synonymous with tea", says Edward Bramah. He opened it in 1992 in a 10,000 sq ft old warehouse near Tower Bridge.
This year Mr Bramah ex-

pects 30,000 visitors - some arriving by the Pool of London ferry to Butler's Wharf - to see his 350-year social and commercial history of tea and coffee, which includes videos and refreshments.

In addition to the collection, there is the cost of premises. display cabinets and marketing, says Mr Bramah, who once worked on a tea plantation.

It is worth seeking sources of start-up funding. For example, Wales offers capital grant aid to encourage start-ups (with a promising business plan) that will provide jobs or expand or create a market.

Tourist boards: England 0181-846 9000; Scotland 0131-332 2433: Wales 01222 499909.



# Boatman aims to stay afloat

production, Peter Woodley was unable to get a job. so he turned his boating hobby into Adelaide Marine Limited, a small boat hire firm in Norwood Green.

Mr Woodley started in 1994, investing £120,000, which included a bank loan with his house as security. When the first season ended he was £120,000 in the red. The house is now being sold, which will put the business back in the black. Mr Woodley, his wife and their cat occupy a flat at the boat yard at Adelaide Dock on Grand Union Canal.

Meanwhile, his turnover — £160,000 last year — is moving in the right direction, helped by repairs and refitting. which form the larger part of the business. He has ten boats, including two narrow and five wide beam, bookable through

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Anglo Welsh hire company, of Bristol, as short break, a week or longer, on 2,000 well as two craft for Scouts and school miles of British Waterways. One of its parties and a four-berth narrowboat. Mr Woodley, who has four employees

and casual help, finds costs are the biggest worry. He says that rent — for water, land and buildings — and rates are high in terms of likely income. In addition, licensing fees have risen. Survival depends on expansion, so this year he hopes to borrow £250,000 from Business Angels to start a hotel boat service between Greenwich and Windsor. "You don't make much money hiring boats," he says, "but it is the most wonderful life."

Drifting along the waterways on an all-mod-cons narrowboat will draw 250,000 holidaymakers in 1997. Drifters, a consortium of independent holiday boat operators, markets the attractions of a members, Rose Narrowboats, near Rugby, has been hiring boats for more than 20 years. It has 23 craft - five for weekend and midweek breaks - and a day boat. The company builds its own vessels, has II full-time employees and part-timers and is owned and run by two families.

Bryan Ambrose, a director, emphasises the need for sound financial advice, especially as earnings are seasonal. "This is a very capital-intensive business boats are expensive to maintain." he says. Marketing is another important item. The biggest worry is to be ready, with all the boats painted, at the start of the season. The best part is his customers' satisfaction after a relaxing holiday.

Drifters: 0345 626252.

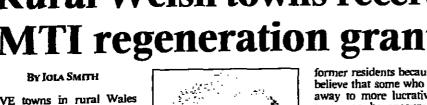
# Rural Welsh towns receive **MTI** regeneration grants

four leading high street banks. The rate will be set FIVE towns in rural Wales on the 12th of each month. Current rates are 2.79 per cent up to £9,999; 2.9 per cent above £10,000; 3.1 per cent above £25,000; and 3.27 per cent above £100,000. ☐ The MacDonald Partnership, the insolvency practitioner, has produced a 312in

disk for Windows, giving legal guidance on what to do tourism and sport. Residents of Cardigan, for if a debtor enters an insolvency arrangement. A-Z of Rescue and Insolvency is free from 0171-351 4300.

☐ Future Machines, of Wembley, northwest London, a supplier of pool tables, fruit machines and video games to pubs and clubs, has won the £5,000 first prize in the second annual One-2-One awards for businesses that make the best use of mobile phones.

☐ Good planning for the sale of a business can take three years, says a new free guide from Deloitte & Touche. The guide, Selling Your Business, includes advice on tax breaks, negotiating and confidentiality. and warns vendors that purchasers look for steady growth during the pre-sale period. Details and copies: 0171-303 5868.



will receive regeneration grant aid under the £800,000 European Union-funded Market Towns Initiative (MTI). Abercrave, Cardigan, Dolgellau, Llanfair Caereinion and Rhyader will each receive up to £90,000 to establish job creation projects in sectors as diverse as craft industries.

example, believe that the town's maritime heritage is the key to its future prosperity. So they are seeking to acquire a 19th century tall ship that can be converted into a floating museum. Abercrave's citizens, on the

other hand, place their focus on developing craft work-



Rowe-Beddoe: venture

shops and sales outlets, while Rhyader is keen to establish an indoor tennis centre and sports hall.

Rhyader's townspeople also want to make contact with former residents because they believe that some who moved away to more lucrative pastures can be encouraged to return to invest and work in

The Market Town Initiative was first mooted in the Government's rural White Paper A working countryside for Wales. The venture was launched by David Rowe-Beddoe, chairman of the Development Board for Rural Wales, who recognises both "the need to invest in communities" and "the importance for rural Wales of sustaining a strong market town network".

There were 25 towns competing for this first round of grant aid, and the five winners will all employ a development officer to bring their projects to

# Crime costs rise to £2bn a year

costing small businesses more than £2 billion a year, a study by Norwich Union, the insurance group, shows. The claim is supported by a separate survey of small crime in Leicester that put the national small business bill for all kinds of crime at £3.2 billion. The NU report found half of all small businesses had

been broken into by burglars

at an average cost of £1,273 a

THIEVES and vandals are break-in. The Leicester report by Crime Concern, the crime prevention charity, found that 75 per cent of companies were victims of crime last year. Incidents included burglary, thefts by customers, criminal damage, losses in transit. fraud and violence. Businesses suffered an av-

erage 3.5 incidents a year.

most common crimes. Many

businesses fail to take ade-

quate precautions. For example. Norwich Union found that only one small business in five took extra security measures over Easter, though many claimed to be worried about leaving premises unattended. Tony Holden, a consultant

at Crime Concern, said few businesses took measures other than installing a burglar with burglary and fraud the alarm. His report showed that a minority of businesses were repeated targets for crime.

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few restrictive practices re-

main: chiefly these are the rule

that stops direct access to bar-

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review of these sounds rather like turning back the clock ten

years to the Lord Chancellor's

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# Leading candidates for prestige posts in a Labour government: Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, left, John Morris, QC, and Paul Boateng Labour's top legal eagles

ith scarcely a chink of light bemain political parties, what can lawyers and the wider justice system — expect if Labour wins on

Much discreet lobbying over the past 18 months has cleared a smooth path to Labour's door for both the Bar and Law Society. The Bar already had ready-made networks through the profession itself: Labour's magic circle is now famous for its barristers, not least Mr Blair and Cherie Booth, QC, But the Law Society, through its parlia-

mentary team, has also been oiling the wheels of contact through regular meetings and lunches, with some success. So lines are well open to the likely members of Labour's legal team. Top of the tree, everyone expects, would be Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Shadow Lord Chancellor and mentor to the Labour leader.

The junior minister to the Lord

Chancellor in the Commons is

likely (though not certain) to be Paul Boateng, MP. Speculation continues over who would be Labour's law officers. Betting is now on John Morris, QC, existing Shadow to do the job at least for the immediate future. But there is still doubt over who will fill the Solicitor-General's post and whether he or she could come from the Lords. One possibility, Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, is now tipped to be Leader

Would Mr Blair create some more Labour legal peers or

in the upper house, leaving the

field wide open.

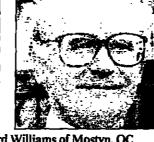
Frances Gibb offers the latest on the likely giants in







Legal heavies: Jack Straw, left, Harriet Harman and Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC



people doubt whether the "parachute" in some lawyer MPs to fill the post? Possibles Crime (Sentences) Act would for SG include Harriet Harman, now Shadow Social Services Secretary. Some even suggest the post could be filled from outside Parliament by a top QC - say Peter Goldsmith. Alternatively, Mr Goldsmith could become a special policy adviser. Such advisers are destined to assume more give it greater regional autonoprominence under Labour: at present, the Lord Chancellor's Department has none, but Mr my and to break up its top-The profession's main con-Blair has told each de-

The mood, then, of the profession is expectant. But it is far from fearful. On the criminal side, Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary and a barrister, echoes much of Michael Howard's concerns with his pledges on fast-track punishment for persistent young offenders and backing for new mandatory minimum sentences, albeit with greater judicial discretion. But some

partment they may appoint

ever see the light of day. "He can't do it," one lawyer says. The prisons would be overflowing in no time at all." Where there would be change is in the Crown Prosecution Service: officials are already gearing up to meet proposals for a shake-up of the service to

cern is on the civil side, where Lord Irvine has pledged a review of legal aid spending. hand in hand with a "cost-ben efit analysis" of Lord Woolf's civil justice reforms. Extra funds for Woolf are unlikely. But there is concern that the review would effectively block progress on the reforms. Chris Philipsborn, Law Society parliamentary officer, says: "We do have a concern in case the Woolf proposals to speed up civil justice and cut costs] fall

by the wayside. We know that

there will be no more money under Labour and so any extra funds will be at the expense of something else in the system."

But the Bar is backing such a review. Robert Owen, QC. the Bar chairman, says: "We do need to do this, to see whether the reforms are worthwhile and to take a comprehensive review of the way legal aid operates and to have a more radical look at how it is provided." Labour, like the Govern-

ment, wants tough controls on legal aid. But these may be more flexible than now proposed by the Government what Roger Smith, of the Legal Action Group, calls a "soft" rather than "hard" cap on legal aid. Either way, legal aid rates for lawyers will come under pressure, which would, Mr Philipsborn says, " be of concern to the profession".

The Bar, however, is hopeful of ridding itself of proposals for standard fees in civil legal aid work, as well as

# Appealing aspect of life in a democracy

ord Justice Bowen suggested in a judg-ment in 1893 that "if no appeal were possible, this would not be a desirable country to live in". Mindful of the importance of the subject, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, last year asked Sir Jeffery Bowman to chair a committee to review the workings of the Court of Appeal. That committee has now published a consultation paper seeking views on a number of options for reforming the jurisdiction and procedure of the court. Interested persons have until May 2 to offer their opinions.

The Court of Appeal has a pivotal role in civil justice, hearing appeals from the High Court, county courts, the Employment Ap-peal Tribunal, the Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Social Security Commissioners and many other bodies. Annual reports by successive Masters of the Rolls over the past ten years have identified serious administrative problems, such as increasing caseloads

and lengthening delays, with more and more cases being presented by litigants in per-

In his report, Access to Justice, Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, identified the objectives of the civil justice system: to secure just results, by a fair procedure, at a sensible cost, with reasonable speed, in a manner comprehensible to litigants, responsive to their needs, providing as much certainty as possible, and by means that are effective in the sense of being ade-quately resourced and organised.

The consultation paper recognises these objectives, and that the Court of Appeal "is

unable to put them all into effect at present". It therefore suggests that consideration should be given to altering the jurisdiction of the court so that fewer cases come before it. and improving its efficiency by changing the manner in which it conducts its work.

The workload of the Court of Appeal can and should be reduced in the interests of all litigants (and the health of the judiciary). Disappointed litigants whose cases have been rejected by a lower court or tribunal have no entitlement to an appeal. If their claim or their defence is not well-founded, the sooner they are so informed the better, in their own interests as well as those of the opposing party and other litigants whose cases are waiting to be heard.

At present, leave to appeal is required in Critics of Lord Irvine and his many, but by no means all, cases. Rules of team say that they will prove court should provide that no case shall be far less radical than the present Government's ministers. So heard by the Court of Appeal unless leave to far, their proposals do nothing appeal has been granted. If a prospective appellant is unable to satisfy the lower court to dispel that view. If the party wins. It will be up to them to

a seriously arguable case, or that there are otherwise public interest reasons for hearing an appeal (for example, to clarify an import ant point of law), the time of the court should not be occupied.

Applicants for leave to appeal currently have a right to an oral hearing, even where the Lord Justice who has considered the papers takes the view that the application is manifestly ill-founded. There is no justification for such a rule. The European Court of Human Rights has held that even in criminal cases there is no right to an oral hearing of an application for leave to appeal. Oral hearings of such applications should be the exception rather than the rule, taking place only if the judges of the Court of Appeal think that oral argument may help them to decide whether to grant leave. A litigant has no right to waste the resources of the court.

Renewed applications for leave to move for judicial review need not be heard by three

judges, as is the current practice: two is sufficient. Unless the case involves an issue of general legal importance, appeals from county courts should be heard by a Court of Appeal consisting of one Lord Justice and one High Court judge. In fast-track county court litigation (designed for the simpler cases, in particular. defended actions in which the claim is for £10,000 or less). appeals should be heard by a High Court judge unless the issue is one of general impor-

COUNSEL For those cases which are DAVID PANNICK QC

heard on appeal, the Court of Appeal needs to continue its move away from unconfined oral advocacy. Judges need more time to read the skeleton arguments, the documents and relevant case law in

advance of the hearing, so that they can focus the oral argument on the central issues. Judges of the Court of Appeal vary greatly in the approach they adopt in the hearings. The Court of Appeal should be more willing to impose time limits on oral argument, to focus the minds of all concerned. Most cases turn on one or two central issues, and the judges should ensure that less of the hearing is spent on a long knock-up before play actually

According to Ambrose Bierce's Devil's Dictionary (1906), "to appeal" is "to put the dice into the box for another throw". Sir Jeffery Bowman and his colleagues cannot remove all of the uncertainty of an appeal (and the consequent entertainment it provides for litigation lawyers). But the review has the opportunity to suggest some important improvements to procedures.

• The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow

# From silk to a seat

MORE THAN 150 lawyers are standing for Parliament. According to the latest figures collated by the Law Society parliamentary unit, 72 solici-tors and 79 barristers are seeking seats - 72 of them standing for re-election. There are 91 Conservative lawyers, 39 Labour, 18 Liberal Democrats and three for Plaid Cymru.

Thirteen lawyer MPs are standing down, including Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Alex Carlile, QC. Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman and John Fraser, Labour's legal affairs spokesman. Among new lawyers tipped

for Parliament are Tory solicitors Eleanor Laing (Epping Forest). Humfrey Malins (Woking) and David Ruffley (Bury St Edmunds). and Labour solicitors Hasel Blears (Salford) and Maria Eagle (Liverpool Garston).

Cutting comment PROFESSOR Richard Stone, dean of Nottingham Law School, is to succeed Mary Phillips as dean of the Inns of Court School of Law. The appointment means that the two top jobs in barrister training have gone to past and present Notts law school deans, who will now be rivals.



Nigel Savage was dean until April, 1996, when he took over as head of The College of Law. The college, main provider of the solicitors' legal practice course, will also be one of the main providers of the Bar vocational course from this September.

Professor Savage welcomed Professor Stone's appointment, but said: "I'd have thought that the Bar school needed a surgeon rather than

Gallows humour IN WHAT is probably Cameron Markby Hewitt's last

contribution to Anglo-French understanding before the firm disappears into the maw of the new Cameron McKenna combine on election day. James Burnett-Hitchcock, the senior litigation partner. in-vited four French senators to look at our legal system.

The French are going through their own version of the Woolf report to find ways to speed up justice. The sena-tors met Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, and Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor. However, they are unlikely

to go down the proposed English route of more active case management by judges.

Insiders say this would probably lead to protracted cases, not shortened ones. "Case management by French judges would put the system's head in a noose," says one source. Surely the solution is simple? Give them the rights to guillotine.

Light touch ROBERT OWEN, QC, has

been assuring chambers that the Bar intends a "light touch" in its newly announced moves to implement the Bar equality code and ensure chambers' compliance. "We will not," he said, "be heavy-handed in helping chambers to implement this code. We will be consulting and co-operating with chambers."

Righting a wrong LONDON solicitors have won fresh assurances that criminal suspects will not be deprived of a lawyer during interviews at police stations.

After negotiations with the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association, the Metropolitan Police has agreed to remind officers they should inform suspects of their right to legal representation before each interview. Members had complained that duty solicitors were giving initial telephone advice to suspects only to discover that subsequent interviews were taking place without them.

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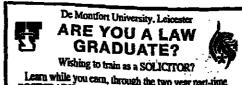
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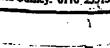
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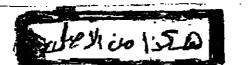
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# · Where men still rule

The law is a ground-breaking profession, except

for women, says Clare McGlynn

ex discrimination is increasingly recognised as a fact of life in the legal profession. Achieving change, however, is difficult and slow. One strategy that can be adopted with potential success is to emphasise the business case for equality, which emphasises the fact that the training and recruitment of women lawyers is an expensive business, so sensible employers will capitalise on their investment by seeking to train and promote women lawyers. Research from the CBI and the Equal Opportunities Commission shows that equality can be costly for businesses if they do not introduce anti sex-discrimination practices.

Opportunity 2000, a business-led campaign, provides a proven formula for putting the business case into action. It has one clear objective: to increase the quantity and quality of women's employment opportunities. Underpinning the campaign is a belief that organisations that fail to utilise their female resources are compromising competitive performance.

For law firms, membership of Opportunity 2000 could work as a focus and impetus for action; ensuring that the voices of women lawyers seeking to change the culture of a very masculine profession have a cogently researched and argued basis for their arguments

To illuminate this debate, the organisation Young Women Lawyers surveyed employment practices at the biggest 200 solicitors' firms. The results were disappoint-

ing for several reasons. In 1995 YWL found that only 25 per cent of new partners in the biggest 100 firms were women. This year, we found that this figure had risen to only 27 per cent (26 per cent in the largest 200 firms). Women have been entering the profession in almost equal numbers for more than ten years, but this is still not borne out in partnership numbers.

YWL found, also in 1995, that of the biggest 100 firms, 24 per cent offered paternity leave. This figure has risen to 39 per cent, falling to 30

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Celebrating female success: Cherie Blair, QC, at the Women Lawyer Conference in London this month

per cent in the largest 200 firms. Paternity leave represents a move towards a greater recognition of the role that fathers should play in the care of their children, and the evidence is that law firms are taking a step in the right direction. But progress is slow, especially when compared with the 70 per cent of Op-portunity 2000 firms offering paternity leave.

Figures for parental leave are even lower. Only 10 per cent of the largest 100 firms (8 per cent of the largest 200) offer parental leave, compared with 35 per cent of Opportunity 2000 firms. Almost as disturbing was the expressed ignorance of many respondents, including some of the largest City law firms, as to exactly what parental leave is.

More worrying is that the European Community has adopted a directive providing for three months' unpaid parental leave. It is not yet applicable in the UK, but a change in government may lead to the implementation of the directive. Some awareness of the directive from law

firms could surely be expected. We sought information on the availability of part-time working for both men and women. One firm displayed its antiquated and discriminatory views on this issue by declaring that it would consider requests for part-time working from women, but "not at all for

There is clearly little hope that working practices and the stereotyping of men and women's roles will change while such prejudices remain. Forty-seven per cent of the largest 200 firms replied that partners could work part-time and 66 per cent of firms offered part-time work to assistant solicitors.

The final disappointing factor was the response rate: just under a third. This contrasts with a 60 per cent response rate when YWL carried out its first survey two years ago. This time we did not warn firms that we would name them if they did not respond. Surely it would not take such a threat for law

firms to respond? Some firms refused to disclose information on their policies. Perhaps they were embarrassed to reveal the few numbers of women partners or the lack of appropriate employment practices; or perhaps they were keen to keep such valuable information out of the marketplace.

To ensure real equality for women lawyers, real institutional change is required. The development of more flexible and "familyfriendly" employment policies would be a move in the right direction, and the lessons and membership of Opportunity 2000 could help to bring this forward.

■ The author is a lecturer in law at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and chairs Young Women Lawyers. Lady Howe, Chairman of Opportunity 2000, and Tony Girling, Law Society President, will discuss the role of Opportunity 2000 and the business case for equality at an open meeting next Tuesday at 6.30pm in the Old Council Chamber of the Law Society. To attend, send a cheque (£3 members, £5 others) payable to YWL, 76 Milton Grove, London N16 8QY. Further details: 0191-222 7616.

Edward Fennell reports on an opportunity for lawyers

# **British** firms bridge the Gulf

the European Union is paying increasing attention to the Arab world (known euphemistically in Brussels as "the Mediterranean countries").

Last week it held a 27-nation Euro-Med conference in Malta and this week its Communities Corporation Programme is sponsoring a conference in Abu Dhabi organised by the British Middle East Law Council to examine legal developments in the Gulf area.

The BMEL is widely complimented for doing a good job in waving the flag on behalf of "British invisibles" and the conference is of considerable importance for UK law firms operating in the

The Foreign Office and the Department of Trade and Industry have given their backing to the event and the British ambassador, Anthony Harris, is making a keynote speech.

Featured on the programme are speakers from most of the top London firms, including Allen & Overy, Freshfields and Linklaters & Paines, while the driving force behind the event is Ibrahim Kanaan, the secretary-general of the BMEL, who is also a lawyer with Elliott & Co.

Mr Kanaan says it is vital that London lawyers should demonstrate their collective commitment to this part of the Middle East. He says: "The Gulf is the most stable part of the region. Increasingly, the law practised locally is being required to meet international criteria.

For example, there are developing capital markets in the Gulf and the area is being seen as an arbitration centre. In the light of this, there has been a need to update both the British and the Gulf legal professions about what has been happening. An exercise in comparative law of this kind is

One of the most delicate issues is how western financial techniques, which are the bread and butter of a City lawyer's life, can be reconciled with Islamic law and, in particular, its prohibition on charging interest. Even some of the speakers at the

conference admit privately that



Kanaan: driving force behind a conference in Abu Dhabi

they are mystified by the devices used to get round the problem.

The trigger to this development is the quickening process of economic transformation. Some states are starting to see the end of their oil reserves. Others are no longer content to sit back passively on oil

Industry is starting to develop

There is no longer the huge pot of money from oil, but this is stimulating these initiatives'

and new ways of raising money are being adopted - hence the capital

Much of the investment is coming from the US and the risk is that this could create an opportunity for US lawyers to grab most of the

London's advantages are its traditional links with the region and its experience in developing public and private partnerships. In particular, the British experience of the private finance initiative is attracting considerable interest from Gulf bankers and lawyers - so much so that most of the Linklaters' session at the conference is devoted to explaining how PFI works.

Simon Burch of Linklaters says: There is no longer the huge pot of money from oil that there used to be in the Gulf, but this is stimulating these economic and industrial initiatives. At Linklaters we have an excellent project finance practice, so of course we feel we have a lot to contribute to these initiatives as they get off the ground."

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Firms such as Clifford Chance, Allen & Overy, Richards Butler and Simmons & Simmons have longstanding offices in the area, while those who do not continue to debate the merits of opening there.

One possible threat to London lawyers, however, is an increasing "Gulfisation" of professional ser-vices. This could mean that nonlocal firms are soueczed out.

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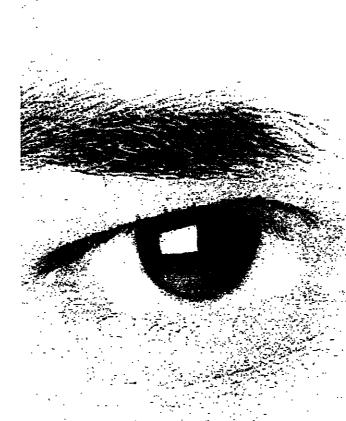
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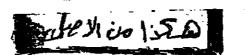
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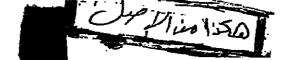
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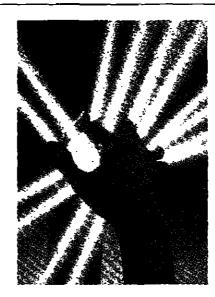
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# Council duty after children placed in care

Barrett v Enfield London Borough Council Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Hudgment March 25]

It was contrary to the public interest to impose a duty of care on a local authority in respect of those lecisions as to the future of a child in its care which would normally have been made by a parent.

However, if a social worker was careless in implementing decisions relating to a child in care the local authority could be held to be vicariously liable for the resulting

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff. Keith Trevor Barrett, against the decision of Judge Brandt at Colchester County Court on April 30, 1996 to strike out his claim against the London Borough of Enfield for damages for personal injuries.

Mr Allan Levy, QC and Miss Elizabeth Gumbel for the plaintiff: Mr Nigel Baker, QC and Mr Brendan Roche for the local

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in X (Minors) v Bedfordshire County Council (1995) 2 AC 633) the House of Lords was concerned with the extent of the duty owed by local authorities to children prior to their being taken into care. The present appeal concerned the ex-ient of the duty owed by local authorities after children had been

incredible, it had to say so.

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software: (c) directing counselling procuring or authorising any other

Bridgegrove Ltd v Smith and

The term "car repairs" included work to car bodies and paint

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Potter

and Lord Justice Mummery) so

held on March 20 when dismiss-ing an appeal by a landlord. Bridgegrove Ltd, from a judgment

by Judge Graham, QC, in Shore-ditch County Court in which he

upheld a claim by tenants, Mr

spraying activities.

months when a care order was made in favour of the local authority and who remained in care until he was approaching the age of 18, claimed damages for breach of duty at common law by the authority and its employees. He alleged that the authority was under a duty to act as would a parent and to show the standard of care which could be expected of a responsible parent

There was, he alleged, a duty to protect him from physical, emo-tional, psychiatric or psychological injury, to provide him with education and a home where his safety would be secured and monitored, promote his development, to n both his short term and long future, to secure his rights to family life and to provide com-petent and suitably qualified and experienced social workers to monitor his welfare. He also alleged that the social workers who were responsible for looking after him were under similar duties.

Among the complaints which were made were failing to arrange for his adoption, inappropriate placements with foster parents and community homes and the lack of proper monitoring and supervision while he was at the different

There was also criticism of the failure to obtain appropriate psychiatric treatment and failing properly to manage his reintroduction to his mother after he had not seen her for 11 years and criticism of how his relationship with his half sister was managed.

There had been no previous decision establishing a common law duty in those circumstances, so it was necessary to consider whether it was just and reasonable to extend the common law duty of care to a local authority when it was performing its duties to protect and promote the welfare of children in its care.

In relation to children who wen not in its care in X (Minors) the House of Lords did not consider it as appropriate to superimpose a common law duty of care over and above the local authority's statu-tory responsibilities for children.

It was not possible to directly transpose the reasoning in X (Minors) to the present situation. However, in relation to the decisions of the local authority which it was alleged could have contributed to the psychiatric and psycho-logical difficulties of which the plaintiff complained, it would be contrary to the public interest and therefore not just or reasonable to impose a duty of care.

The very fact that the authority was stated to have been in the position of a parent to the plaintiff at the material time brought home the public policy aspects of the situation. The decisions often required a difficult and delicate

calancing of conflicting interests. Parents were daily making decisions with regard to their children's future and it would be wholly inappropriate that those shown to be wrong, should be ones damages. If the decisions were

taken by the local authority in place of the parents the position should be the same.

It would be unfortunate if the possibility of litigation years afterwards could cause a more defensive and cautious approach to child's future than would otherwise be the case.

Social workers were all too often open to criticism for intervening but intervening was often what was necessary and when it was they should not be discouraged from doing so by the possibility of brigation. It would be intolerable if social workers adopted a safety first approach.

If complaint was to be made, then an investigation by an ombudsman was more likely to result in a satisfactory conclusion than the investigation by the courts. The ombudsman could award compensation for misleasance in appropriate cases.

The plaintiff relied on the

nption of the Court of Appeal in Capital and Counties plc v Hampshire County Council (The Times March 20, 1997) of the principle, with which his Lordship agreed, that: "There is no general immunity for professionals or others carrying out difficult tasks in stressful circumstances."

However, his Lordship was not suggesting a blanket immunity but an immunity in relation to the making of those decisions as to the future of a child which were normally made by a parent. If it was not fair or just to make the authority directly liable for the

licensed by the copyright owner.

certificate of authenticity, contain-

ing a hologram and bearing an

individual number.

Any OEM would have the

expertise to make multiple un-

licensed copies of software and sell PCs pre-loaded with such but if

they did, customers would not get the authentic disks, CD-ROM,

caring for the plaintiff, then equally there would be no justification for placing the social workers who in practice would exercise the discretion on behalf of the local authority in any different position. Social workers and other mem-bers of the staff could, however, be

negligent in an operational man-ner. They could, for example, be careless in listing property belong-ing to the child or in reporting what they had observed for the purposes of an interdisciplinary ment of what action should be taken in relation to a child. They could also be negligent in failing to carry out instructions properly.

If in implementing his own decision or decisions of the authority, a social worker was careless, there would be a case for the authority being vicariously liable if the necessary causation of injury or other damage could be established.

However, although complaints as to that type of conduct were made, there could be no prospect of the plaintiff succeeding on those complaints alone. He would be quite unable to attribute any part of his condition to that sort of

prospect of succeeding on the ollegations in his particulars of claim. His Lordship was therefore in agreement with the decision of the judge to strike out the claim. Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Schiemann agreed.

Solicitors: Thompson Smith & Puxon, Colchester; Browne

# The plaintiff had no realistic

# Court finds breach of copyright defence wanting

Microsoft Corporation v person firm or company so to do Electro-Wide Ltd and 2 Orders for delivery up of offend-Another ing material and various types of disclosure on affidavit and Before Mr Justice Laddie (Judgment April 76)

3 An inquiry as to damages for On hearing a summons for sumintringement, with a direction that mary judgment, the High Court had to be careful before it deprived on such inquiry the court should consider whether an award of a defendant of the opportunity of having his evidence tested at trial: additional damages pursuant to section 97(2) of the Copyright, but if, when applying its critical faculties to the whole of a situation, the court concluded a defence to be Designs and Patents Act 1988 would be appropriate.

Section 3 of the 1988 Act provides; "(1) ... 'literary work' means any work, other than a dramatic or Mr Justice Laddie so held in the Chancery Division, in giving sum-mary judgment under Order 14 of musical work ... and accordingly includes — ... (b) a computer the Rules of the Supreme Court for program. Microsoft Corporation, the plain-Section 17 provides: "(l) The copying of the work is an act tiff, against Electro-Wide Ltd and Atlantic Business Systems Ltd for: restricted by the copyright in every I injunctions restraining them

description of copyright work. . . "(2) Copying in relation to a literary ... work means reproducing the work in any material form. This includes storing the work in any medium by electronic means." Section 18 provides: "(1) The issue to the public of copies of the work is an act restricted by the copyright in every description of copyright work "

Paint spraying part of

'car repairs'

Richard Smith and Mr Roy Smith.

that premises that were unfit for

paint spraying had been neg-ligently misrepresented by the

landlord as being suitable for a car

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY

said that the tenants, operating a car repair business from premises

at 112 Kingsland High Street, Hackney, London, had received

complaints from occupiers of

neighbouring premises relating to the fumes from paint spraying.

repair business.

proceedings ... with respect to a computer program, where copies of the program are issued to the public in electronic form bearing a person was the owner of copyright in the program at the date of issue of the copies . . . the statement shall be admissible as evidence of the facts stated and shall be presumed to be correct until the contrary is

Mr Michael Tappin for Microsoft; Mr Martin Howe, QC, for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE LADDIE said it was common knowledge that Microsoft was the proprietor of a range of computer software, particular under the names "MS-DOS" and "Windows", sold on a vast scale world-wide.

The defendants were original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") who bought in parts from a variety of suppliers, built computers to their own specifications, and sold them to the public under their own brand names,

They had had to cease their

The judge was correct to hold

that the tenants had entered into a

lease for the premises in reliance

on a neoligent misstatement by the

landlord that the premises were

ideally suitable for any storage

The term "car repairs" referred to repairs to the body of a car as

well as to its mechanical parts and

included spraying car bodies with

op use and car repairs".

activities inside the premises.

manual, end-licence agreement or In this action, Microsoft claimed such unlicensed copying and customer sales, relying on trans-actions with four members of the Before a personal computer (PC) could function it had to be orded with one or more operating

public and an inquiry agent: a formidable collection of evidence. The defendants' case for the existence of a fair probability of having a bona fide defence to that were: (i) doubts that they had infringed either section 17 or 18 of the Act and (ii) doubts that Microsoft owned any copyright that might exist in the MS-DOS and Windows family of software. As to (i), Microsoft responded that unlicensed loading of its

PCs were acts of copying and subsequent supply of PCs, so loaded, acts of issuing to the public. Mr Howe, lastening on the plural "copies" in section 18, contended that an isolated act of issue had intentionally been excluded

Even if that were right, which was strongly disputed by

defendants' case had been that every PC they sold was to meet the public were supplied with software pre-loaded by the manufacturer. To load copyright software, specification of the customer to whom it went and, occasional packing errors apart, their firm which involved copying it on to the hard disk storage system in the PC, would be an infringement, unless policy was never to load his PC with Microsoft software without

setting aside a complete OEM Microsoft sold its MS-DOS and product for him Windows products to assemblers Further, they had claimed they and manufacturers of PCs exclusively in the form of a shrink-wrapped "OEM product" containing (i) disks or a CD-ROM did not have the facilities to make and had never made illicit copies of That defence had been torcontaining a copy of the software (ii) instruction manuals (iii) an enduser licence agreement, and (iv) a

pedoed by the convincing evidence of one customer, Mr Jones, who had complained that they had supplied him, instead of the six Windows disks he needed, five clearly non-authentic disks which he had in due course returned to them with the PC, but without eliciting any comment. His Lordship had found the

defendants' version of that episode to the highest degree implausible and their attempt to explain it away, by attacking Mr Jones's honesty, smelt of desperation.

As to (ii), Microsoft relied both on section 105(3) of the Act and on

evidence from a paralegal employed to maintain records of that section 105(3) only shifted the burden of proof to the defendants. who were still entitled to put subsistence and ownership in is-

But in the present context that argument was misconceived. The fendants did not assert that they had a defence under (ii), but only an unfounded. Micawberish, hope that something would turn up. Finally, in relation to ownership,

it was wholly improbable that a company of the size of Microsoft would fail to take the elementary precautions necessary to ensure that it owned the copyright in its Solicitors: Covington & Burling:

# Criteria for reversing finding of fact

Hossack v General Dental but it was replaced and had given Council

Before Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Hope of Craighead and Lord Hutton

Uudement April (6)

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council would reverse a finding of fact by the professional conduct committee of the General Dental Council if that finding was out of tune with the evidence to such an extent that the members of the committee must have mis-

Their Lordships so held in allowing an appeal by the appellant. Robert Julian Hossack, against the committee's determine he was guilty of serious pro-fessional misconduct and that his name be erased from the dentists'

Mr James Badenoch, OC, for the appellant: Miss Joanna Glynn for the General Dental Council.

LORD LLOYD said that the charge against the appellant was that he had accepted three patients for dental treatment as National Health Service patients in the course of which he failed to employ a proper degree of skill and attention in providing treatment for them, and failed to carry out freatments necessary to secure the oral health of Mr Stephen Gerald Dack and Mrs Yuk-kuen Hou, and that in relation to the facts alleged he had been guilty of serious professional misconduct. The other patient was Mrs Coral

Mr Dack was treated by the appellant in 1992. He had been a patient of the appellant for about 14 years. His teeth needed a great deal of attention, in addition to ordinary fillings the appellant carried out a root treatment of one tooth and replaced the crown

In November, 1992, Mr Dack was seen by Mr Bull, the dental reference officer, as part of Mr Bull's routine duties. In a report Mr Bull criticised the appellant's treatment of that tooth. The dental services committee subsequently recommended a withholding of 12,000, which was reduced on appeal to £500.

Mrs Hou had also been a patient of the appellant for about 14 years. with a broken tooth which she asked him to save if possible. Three weeks after the treatment

no trouble thereafter.

She was seen by Mr Bull, who criticised the appellant's treatment of that tooth. The dental services committee recommended 2 withholding of £1,000, which was reduced on appeal to £750.

Mrs Lawson became a patient of the appellant in 1994. She needed 10 fillings, two crowns and a replacement bridge to span three teeth. She did not like the look of the bridge and in November, 1994. ained about it to the family health services authority. In December, 1995, she was seen

by Mr Martin Kelleher, a consul-tant restorative dentist. He reported that the bridge was satisfactory in four specified respects. The case was referred to the dental services committee £1,000 was withheld and the moellant was ordered to repay £200 to Mrs Lawson.

In due course, the appellant was called before the professional conduct committee. On November 20, 1996, the chairman announced that the facts alleged in the charge had been proved, and later he announced that in relation to those facts the committee had found the appellant guilty of serious prosional misconduct.

As to the Privy Council's ap-proach, their Lordships had been referred to Libman v General Medical Council (1972) AC 217. 221), where it was said that: "the only circumstances in which an appellate court can reverse a view plinary committee would be a case where, on examination, it would appear that the committee had misread the evidence to such an extent that they were not entitled to make a finding in the state of the

evidence presented before them." It was said (at p221) that it was difficult for an appellant to displace a finding or order of the committee: "unless it can be shown that something was clearly wrong either (i) in the conduct of the trial or (ii) in the legal principles applied or (iii) unless it can be shown that the findings of the committee were sufficiently out of tune with the evidence to indicate with reasonable certainty that the evidence had been misread."

For the reasons mentioned in Libman's case, and in many subsequent appeals, the Privy Council was always rejuctant to take a different view of the evi-dence than the highly qualified members of a professional conduct committee, but it would on occasion feel compelled to do so.

The expert witness called by Miss Glynn in support of the charge was Mr Kelleher. If he had given evidence in accordance with s report their Lordships would have dismissed the appellant's appeal without much hesitation. But he did not.

His evidence, both in chief and in cross-examination was favourable to the appellant. He said that there was no need to replace the bridge unless Mrs Lawson wanted a replacement for cosmetic reasons. By itself, his evidence could not support a charge of failing to employ a proper degree of skill and attention

Miss Glynn also called Mr Anthony Francis Clough. He was in a somewhat anomalous position since he had been a member of the case of all three patients and Lawson as a papent.

He would have been bound to want to defend his decision to replace the bridge. Where his evidence conflicted with that of Mr Relieher their Lordships had no doubt that Mr Kelleher's evidence was to be preferred.

Having reviewed the evidence in Lordships felt bound to conclude that the finding of the committee in relation to her was out of tune with the evidence to such an extent that must have misunderstood what he was saying. The finding of fact by the committee in relation to Mrs Lawson could not stand.

The finding of serious prolessional misconduct could not rest on the findings of fact in relation to the other two patients. The finding of serious professional misconduct was explicitly based on the facts found to have been proved in relation to all the heads of charge in relation to all three patients. Since the committee was wrong

to find the facts proved in relation to Mrs Lawson, part of the foundation for the overall finding of serious professional misconduct had gone. In those circumstances the overall finding could not stand. Their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed

and the appellant's name restored to the register. Solicitors: Le Brasseur J. Tickle:

# Judge can devise own procedure in crown court

Regina v Leicester Crown Before Mr Justice Collins

|Judgment March 12| A crown court judge acting alone was entitled to exercise the inherent power of the court to regulate its own practices by devising a procedure that was fair and just

when there was no existing applicable practice Mr Justice Collins so held in the Queen's Bench Division

dismissing the application of Michael John Phipps for judicial review of the decision of Judge Christopher Young at Leicester 1996, ordering consolidation of his appeal against the refusal of istices to grant a liquor licence with two other appeals to the same

Mr John Mitting, QC and Mr Jonathan Gosling for Mr Phipps: late its own practices, saying that it was "for the judges collectively, as Mr Matthew Cowie for Everards. both appellants below.

MR JUSTICE COLLINS said that the judge decided to consoli-date the three appeals because they were closely inter-related and he would have had to compare their relative merits.

Section 79(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 stated that the "customary practice and procecrown court" shall be observed. but it appeared that there was no customary practice.

In Abse v Smith [1986] QB 536, 555) Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, recognised the well established principle that every court had inherent power to reguBut if no practice existed because

Provided that what he did was

# Scots Law Report April 22 1997 Outer House

### Pursuer must specify provision for removing smoke from office vide ventilation by the circulation

Rae (Agnes) v Glasgow City Council and Another Before Lord Bonomy

[Judgment March 7] Section 7 of the Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 was plainly directed at the mischiel of foul air in the atmosphere of the workplace. Cigarette smoke which fouled the aumosphere clearly fell within that mischief.

The obligation in section 7 was not to extract impurities, it was to provide ventilation by the circulation of adequate supplies of air.
The rate at which the air should be freshened up depended upon the entent to which it was fouled but because the obligation was not to remove impurities, it was not appropriate for the pursuer to rely on a baid statement of the statutory obligation without specifying what would have been effective and suitable provision in the circumstances and what difference that would have made to the inhalation of impurities from smoke by the

Lord Bonomy, sitting in the Outer Howe of the Court of Session, so held dismissing an action of damages for personal injury brought by Agnes Rae against Glasgow City Council and Strathclyde Joint Police Board. Mr Neil Brailsford, QC, for the pursuer; Mrs Anne Paton, QC and Miss Jane Paterson for the

LORD BONOMY said that the pursuer sued for damages for illness caused by her passive exposure to cigarette smoke at work between 1979 and 1994. She averred that she had never

She had been employed by the defenders' statutory predecessors as a word processor operator in various small offices. She averred that others working beside her and visiting or passing through her office smoked heavily and left lit cigareites burning, causing idestream smoke to be given off. Towards the end of her employment, some steps, which she averted were inadequate, had been taken to try to stop smoking at her place of work. The pursuer's case was pled at both common law and in terms of section 7 of the 1903 Act.

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The pursuer's case was that throughout her employment, no proper and efficient ventilation had been provided for her workplace, no exhaust appliances had been provided to extract smoke. and no provision had been made for securing and maintaining the ventilation of her workplace by circulation of adequate supplies of fresh or artificially purified air. the also averred that no warning had been given to her of the dangers associated with exposure

to tobacco smoke. For the defenders, the funral submission had been that the common law case that it was well known within industry and by local authorities that the inhalation of cigarette and pipe smoke carried with it a risk of injury or disease was a bare rtion without support in the nleadings.

The pursuer was bound to specify circumstances from which the court could draw the inference that there was a foreseeable risk of illness against which the defenders should have taken precautions.
The pleadings did not contain

specification of such circumstances and there was no attempt to rely on the practice of other authorities. The case depended upon the risk of disease being material which the defenders ought to have known about and taken reasonable care to protect the pursuer from.

His Lordship considered that the risk and the materiality thereof were adequately pled as "a risk of injury or disease to the lungs or respiratory system"; but that it could not be concluded from the pleadings that the defenders knew or ought to have known of those risks arising from passive smoking. There were no averments of

when the risks of passive smoking had been discovered or when and by what means the defenders ought to have known of it. While the pursuer had pled details of certain documents pointing out the hazards, there was no indication of the materiality of the risk or of how the terms of those documents should have come to the attention of the defenders.

Accordingly the common law

The statutory case consisted of quotation of section 7 of the 1963 Act, followed by a bald states that the defenders had failed to comply with their duties under

His Lordship had been referred to authorities decided under sec-However those fell to be distinguished, as the reference to "artificially purified air" in section 7 of the 1903 Act distinguished it from the earlier provision.

In the circumstances, his Lordshin could see no reason why the words of section 7 should not be given their ordinary meaning. It followed that it might be appropriate to contend for ventilation of the workplace by means of mechanical circulation of the air

which might itself be artificially purified by mechanical means.

that mischief

It had also been submitted for the defenders that the provision required to be interpreted having regard to the mischief to which it was directed, which mischiel must provision was enacted. His Lordship did not consider that submission was of assistance to the

Section 7 was plainly directed at the mischiel of foul air in the atmosphere of the workplace: cigarette smoke which fouled up the atmosphere clearly fell within

The final criticism of the statutory case was that the pursuer had failed to aver how the defenders were in breach of the statutory provision as she had not averred what they had failed to do. Counsel for the pursuer had dismissed that as a pleading point; however, his Lordship considered that there was force in the contention that there was a lack of specification.

Section 7 required "effective and suitable provision" which was "for securing and maintaining the ventilation" of every work room by the circulation of adequate sup-plies of fresh or artificially purified air". Those expressions were qualitative and qualified the means by which the ventilation was to be secured and maintained.

In his Lordship's view, the obligation in section 7 was not to extract impurities, it was to pro-

of adequate supplies of air. The rate at which the air should be freshened up depended upon the extent to which it was fouled. but because the obligation was not to remove impurities, it was not appropriate for the pursuer to rely on a bald statement of the statutory

The pursuer's pleadings did not address the real issue, namely what would have been effective and suitable provision in the circumstances and what difference that would have made to the inhalation of impurities from smoke by the pursuer.

# Liability for inherently dangerous work

M. T. M. Construction Ltd v William Reid Engineering Ltd

Before Lord Abernethy (Judgment January 28) Where a contractor engaged a

subcontracior to undertake works which necessitated an inherently dangerous operation and the subcontractor engaged a sub-subcontactor to undertake that part of the works that was inherently dangerous, the subcontractor was not liable to the principal contractor for the negligence of the sub-subcontractor for in that case the principle that a person employing an independent contractor to undertake inherently dangerous works was responsible for the contractor's negligence rendered the principal contractor himself liable and hence barred him from

invoking the same principle against his subcontractor. Lord Abernethy, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held dismissing as irrelevant an action of reparation brought by M. T. M. Construction Ltd against William Reid En-Mr Gordon Reid, QC and Mr

Robert Milligan for the pursuers:

Mr Gerald Hanreny for the first defenders; Mr Drew Mackenzie for the second defenders. LORD ABERNETHY said that it was not disputed that an employer was liable for the neg-

ligence of an independent con-

tractor in carrying out hazardous

There was ample authority for that proposition. But the employer in that context was usually the person for whom the work was ultimately being done. in Honeywell and Stein Ltd v Larkin Brothers Ltd [1934] 1 KB 191, 199, 201] Lord Justice Slesser

employer" and "principal em-In the present case the ultimate employer was not a party to the action. The pursuers were main contractors to the ultimate employer.

had used the words fultimate

The first defenders had been subcontracted to the pursuers to carry out construction works. The works had required welding operations which the pursuers averred were inherently dangerous and which they averred had caused a fire. The first defenders had subcontracted the welding to the second defenders.

His Lordship had not been referred to any authority in which an intermediate employer, in the sense that the main contractor, the pursuers, and the subcontractor. the first defenders, were in the present case, had any liability in delict for negligent actings of a sub-subcontractor, the second

In Duncan's Hotel (Glasgow) Ltd v J. & A. Ferguson Ltd (1974 SC 191) Lord Stott had said "there is no compelling reason to assume that in delegating part of the work to a subcontractor la contractor was to be taken as accepting responsibility for the subcontractor's delicis. His obligations, unlike those of the employer, do not stem from occupation or possession or interest in the end product of the work, but merely from the terms of his contract, and if the terms of the contract do not include an acceptance of liability for a sub-contractor's delicts, it is difficult to find any principle of law apt to impose such a liability upon him."

Lord Stort had said. His Lordship

ultimate employer had a co-exis-

tent liability, together with the

party who carried out the works.

His Lordship was not persuaded that any intermediary in the contractual chain between the ultimate employer and, in the

> do work which included the work said to be inherently dangerous.

If the pursuers were correct to say that the first defenders could not delegate their responsibility for the negligent performance of the works to an independent contractor, then no more could they themselves delegate that responsibility.

In that situation the pursuers

ers, the action would proceed. Law agents: Simpson & Marwick, WS; Dundas & Wilson,

CS: Campbell Smith, WS.

Therefore the statutory case also failed. Law agents: Thompsons; Simp

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present case, the second defender had any such liability. If his Lordship was wrong in that, however, then any such liability had to lie with the pursuers just as much as with the first defenders. The pursuers contracted with the first defenders to

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whether or not to modify general practices" and to modify by practice directions.

the situation was so unusual, as in the instant case, the individual judge would himself have to devise a procedure that was fair and just cincumstances.

not contrary to statute or existing practice, the judge had a right to do it, and if what he did was unfair. an offended party could seek judicial review or appeal against the decision if an appeal existed. Solicitors: Jeffrey Green Russell: Cole & Cole, Oxford: Harvey Ingram Owston, Leicester.

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# **Obree rides** into row over rules

January I, 1996. I met that by

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minutes 43 seconds."

land with a winning time of 20

However, his effort was to

prove in vain. Although the

closing date for entries for the

ten-mile race was incorrectly listed as April 22 in a calendar

printed in the RTTC hand-

book, the correct date of April

15 was given elsewhere in the

Obree appealed at the week-

end to Phil Heaton, the RTTC

national secretary, who con-

firmed that his entry had not been accepted. Yesterday, Heaton admitted that one

reference in the RTTC hand-

book printed the wrong clos-

ing date, adding that the championship rules published

elsewhere in the book were

the maximum of 120 riders by

the official closing date of April 15 and all of them

qualified," Heaton said. "In a

non-championship event, re-

serves may be allowed but

that is not permitted for

for a medal in the world track

championships in Australia in

August, was furious."I have

had two of my riding positions

banned by the International

Cycling Union despite world-

wide support and I now find

that, on what appears to me to

be a technicality, I am receiv-

ing similar treatment from the

i had hoped the champion-ship would be the start of a

successful comeback season

after a series of illnesses last

year that affected my perfor-

mance in the Atlanta Olym-

pics. It's so disheartening and,

today at least, I wonder wheth-

er it might be worth trying to take legal action against the

Obree, Britain's main hope

The organiser had received

quite clear.

championships.

home body.

GRAEME OBREE, twice the world 4,000 metres pursuit champion and the present British 25-mile champion, has had his entry rejected for the national ten-mile time-trial championship next month. Obree, from Scotland, is the British record-holder for the

He claims that his entry has been refused after a series of misunderstandings and errors by officials of the Road Time Trials Council (RTTC). The RTTC, which controls time-trials in England and Wales, also allows members of clubs affiliated to the Scottish Cycling Union to compete in

events south of the border. Obree claimed yesterday



Obree: furious

that he was originally told he did not need a qualifying time for the ten-mile championship near Barton-upon-Humber on May 11, as he was the 1996 25-

mile champion. The closing date for entries for the trial is published in this year's RTTC handbook as April 22, and my entry was sent off in good time," Obree said. I then learnt from the organiser that I needed to be a member of a Scottish club to be considered, as I only hold a British Cycling Federation Racing licence, which is recognised internationally. So I joined the Shetland Wheelers.

"The next problem was to qualifying time achieved since winner last year.

# Nicholls prefers deeds to words

Tony Hoare talks to an outstanding speedway rider who is determined

to make up for last year's disappointment

Scott Nicholls will be keeping his feet on the ground tomorrow night, when he lines up in the British under-21 speedway championship final in Norfolk. It will make a pleasant change from his experience in the world final of the competition last year.

Nicholls, 19, confounded medical opinion by finishing fourth in the final, despite riding with four broken toes in his left foot in a sport that requires riders to drag their left boot on the floor as they take corners. The meeting at King's Lynn tomorrow will bring together Britain's lead-ing 16 riders under the age of If you the top eight qualify-ing for the world champion-ship stages.

They are all hoping to follow in the footsteps of past

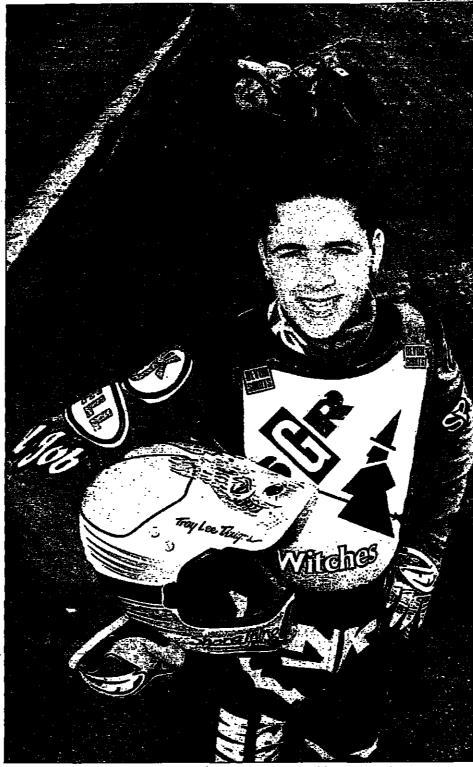
winners Joe Screen, who was victorious in 1993, and Chris Louis, the 1990 champion, by taking the world under-21 title in the final at Mseno, in the Czech Republic, in August. Nicholls, who rides for Ips-

wich, is the youngest rider competing in the newly launched Elite League and has belied his years to produce solid scores in the world's toughest league competition. He is widely regarded as the most promising prospect in England, but superstitious Nicholls shuns such talk.

"I don't like to say too much about what might happen because that guarantees things will go the other way." he said. "I always psyche myself up to do well, but I just don't tell anyone else. Whenever anyone asks me how I'm going to do, I just say I'm going to do my best."
Nicholls, a former British

schoolboy champion at speedway's sister sport, grasstrack, is aiming to make up for a mistake in the British final last year which cost him the

This year's championship -In his final ride, after four immaculate victories, he if it included Obree - would be one of the biggest attractrailed in third, believing Stutions of the season. Entrants art Robson, who was second, include Sean Yates, a Tour de would overtake the leader. France time-trial winner in Savalas Clouting. That would Rob Hayles, the



Nicholls has belied his years to excel in the world's toughest league

then beat Nicholls in a decid-

ing run-off. I think I have learnt from that," Nicholls said. "I went into the race with the wrong things in my head and i bugged me. Hopefully, now I will pick up on that."

Despite his lack of outward plays of confidence. but Clouting kept his lead and Nicholls knows he is a talent-

ed rider and only took up the sport professionally after careful consideration."I've always wanted to be a speedway rider, but I went through a

ant. I was thinking about finishing speedway and getting a proper job, but I'm glad

phase when I was about 15

when I had my doubts about

going into it properly," he

"I enjoy the sport and I want to be the best at it. It must be a big buzz for Billy Hamill [the world senior

champion to say to himself

The senior title will have to wait, but the junior version is a realistic target. That would be the ultimate for me. Last year, I doubted myself a little bit but finished fourth. Now I know I'm quite good and

should be able to do well." It is as if he feels he has opened up too much by rating his chances when he adds: "I'm not confident but I have learnt a little bit, so I'm all-out to win." The modest racer's final words are appropriately non-committal: what happens."

**RUGBY UNION** 

# **Popplewell** called to account for punching

By DAVID HANDS

NICK POPPLEWELL, the Newcastle and Ireland prop. will appear before a Rugby Football Union (RFU) disciplinary panel next Monday to answer accusations of bringing the game into disrepute. It will be the fourth time that the panel has met since the union revised its disciplinary procedure, and this hearing may well prove the most strongly contested.

The charge arises from the Courage Clubs Championship second division meeting between Bedford and Newcastle on April 5, when Popplewell punched Scott Murray, the Bedford lock, necessitating his replacement and two visits to hospital before Murray could be assured that there was no permanent damage to one eye.

The incident was seen by a touch judge and Popplewell was penalised and shown a yellow card. Subsequently, Newcastle fined the player an unspecified amount but, after reviewing a video of the match. Roy Manock, the RFU disciplinary officer, decided that Popplewell, 33, should appear before a three-man panel at Darlington to deter-mine whether a further penal-

ty should be imposed. Newcastle are likely to mount a strong defence of their player, who has already been punished on and off the pitch. However, a basic tenet of the RFU procedures, which come into effect when a player has been cited for foul play. when he has been sent off or when he faces a disrepute charge, is that clubs should not effectively "buy" freedom for their players by the imposi-

Had Popplewell been sent off, he would have been suspended for 30 days. After listening to Popplewell and any character witnesses he chooses to bring, the panel may yet impose a suspension or issue a reprimand.

During the past year, disciplinary panels have suspended Neil Back, the Leicester flanker, for six months for pushing Steve Lander, the match referee, at the end of the Pilkington Cup final last season and Phil Adams, the Bristol lock, for 60 days after his club fined him for foul play. Charles Cusani, the Orrell lock, was reprimanded for accumulating five yellow warning cards, and another such case awaits the panel's

IN BRIEF

# Illingworth sidelined by shoulder injury

RICHARD Illingworth, the Worcestershire left-arm spin-ner, will miss the first month of the cricket season after a freak accident in a Bradford League match. Illingworth dislocated a shoulder while playing for Windhill.

David Leatherdale, his

Worcestershire team-mate, who was batting at the time for Farsley, said: "He fell awkwardly and was obviously in a lot of pain."

### Scan for Hunte

Rugby league: St Helens will send their centre, Alan Hunte, for a hospital scan to determine the extent of the hamstring injury that threatens to rule him out of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final, against Bradford Bulls, at Wembley on Saturday week.

### Drugs ban

Ski jumping: Andreas Goldberger was suspended by the Austrian Ski Federation in Vienna yesterday after his admission that he once took cocaine. Peter Schroecksnadel, president of the federation, said that the suspension would stay in effect until the disciplinary committee of his organisation reaches a decision on how to react.

### Lehman on top

Golf: Tom Lehman, the Open champion, yesterday replaced Greg Norman at the top of the world rankings. Tiger Woods lies fifth. Lehman finished joint fourth in the MCI Classic, which was won by Nick Price, of Zimbabwe.

### Wales win three

Lacrosse: The Wales women's team has beaten Western Australia 18-0, 22-2 and 15-0 in three warm-up games in Perth before the World Cup in Tokyo on Sunday.

### Cooke to retire

Table tennis: Alan Cooke, the England No 3 and losing finalist on Sunday in the Com-

### Costa's title

Tennis: Albert Costa, beat his fellow Spaniard. Albert Portas, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 to win the Barcelona Open yesterday.

### THE TIMES

# IN TOMORROW'S

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CHANGING TIMES



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent If you have four of a side suit in your hand with three in dummy. it is not obvious that there is a ruffing possibility. Good players, however, are on the lookout for it. An example:

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Contract; Four Spades by South. Lead; queen of diam

South opened One Spade, North raised to Two Spades and South went on to Four Spades. After winning the diamond lead, declarer crossed to dummy with a spade and played a heart to the jack and king. West switched to a club. How

should declarer play?
The problem with simply drawing trumps is that, if they are 4-1, and the hearts are not 3-3, declarer will make only four spades and two hearts to go with his three minor-suit winners. Correct technique after winning the club is to continue with a heart to the queen, and another heart. If East ruffs. he is ruffing a loser. and declarer may subsequently be able to discard a club from dummy on the ace of hearts, If West ruffs the third heart,

the trick comes back, as declarer can ruff the fourth heart in dummy. And when West only way to make the contract. If West ruffs in on the fourth round, dummy overruffs, otherwise the small heart can be ruffed low. Thus declarer makes five tricks in spades, one high heart and one heart ruff, and three in the minors. The annual marathon at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club was a live-session (165 boards) pairs event, played from noon on Saturday to noon on Sunday, with halfhour breaks between sessions.
RESULTS: 1. P Gawys, W Klapper and M Sazzerczak (58.97 per cent), 2, Jason and Justin Hackett (58.43 per cent); 3, M Courtney and U Durmus (58.16 per cent). ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD-WATCHING

### By Philip Howard

RANDY a. A Scholar at St John's b. A tricycle c. To canvass

RISTLE a. Gristle b. To build a bonfire

c. A Hebridean plough

PRAMNIAN a. Ambulatory b. Sticky wine c. A trochaic metre

RUMBO a. Strong punch b. A card game

Answers on page 52



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

# Computer win

On May 3 in New York, Garry Kasparov commences his six game challenge against IBM's upgraded Deep Blue computer. IBM scientists are now predicting that their much-improved machine brain, which can now see 1,000 million different chess positions every second, will defeat the hu-

man world champion. The match last year began sensationally, when Kasparov threw caution to the winds and sacrificed material in an effort to land a death blow on the white king. Sadly, complicated tactics are what computers handle best and all of Kasparov's ingenious attacking ploys were thwarted by Deep Blue's merciless calculation.

White: Deep Blue Black: Garry Kasparov Philadelphia 1996

Sicilian Defence 1 e4 2 c3 5 Nt3 6 Be2 7 h3 8 0-0 9 Be3 10 cxd4 1 a3 2 Nc3 3 Nt-5

g3 Rc7 Nd8 Nxf7+

This game, a first in the history of chess, was the first occasion that a human world champion had been beaten by a computer under for-mal and classic tournament

### Chinese chess

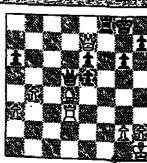
The Bank of China Cup to determine the UK champion in the Chinese style of chess (Xiangqi). was played over the weekend. LEADING RESULTS: 1, Cheung Wensteng: 2, Chen Fazuo; 3, Wang Shungi

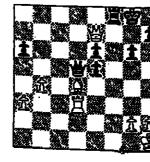
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### WINNERS NOVE By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Tirard — Rotstein, Cannes 1997. ere Black could play I ... exd4 but White would still be in the game. Instead, he found something much stronger. Can you spot his winning contin-

Solution on page 52





RACING: JOCKEY MISSES GUINEAS RIDE ON ENTREPRENEUR TO ADDRESS WEIGHT PROBLEMS

# Swinburn takes break from saddle

By JULIAN MUSCAT

WALTER SWINBURN, one of Britain's most successful jockeys, yesterday stood himself down indefinitely to combat persistent problems with his weight. He therefore misses the mount on the 2,000 Guineas favourite, Entrepreneur, but maintained he had no intention of retiring.

After a debilitating 15-month period, triggered by the horrific fall he suffered in Hong Kong, the jockey's weight has continued to fluctuate despite his "rigid adherence to a medically supervised diet". The absence of a stable weight has made it impossible for Swinburn, 35, to continue riding without addressing the

"I am hugely disappointed to be forced into making this decision," Swinburn said in a

### HIGHARD EVANS

Nap: TAUNT (2.50 Pontefract) Next best: Royal Expression (4.50 Pontefract)

prepared statement. "However, I would not be fair to myself or anyone else if I did not give my body or my meta-bolism a chance to settle down - and it has significantly failed to do that in recent months."

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Unlike jockeys who are lightweights. naturai Swinburn has constantly battled the scales. He has survived on a balance of dietary restraint - followed by excess and punishing rounds in the sauna. But the routine, commonly adopted in Britain's weighing-rooms, appeared to collapse for Swinburn since he returned from injuries which required a week of intensive care treatment in February.

Last month be admitted to eating disorders in the wake of

an appearance in Newmarket magistrates court - where he was fined £500 for assaulting a restaurant owner and damaging his' property. Swin-burn's father, Wally, formerly a champion jockey in Ireland,

also spoke of a similar condi-tion in his riding days. Swinburn's decision — which he said was "in the long-term interests of my career" - comes at a pivotal time. Away from the saddle for six months with severe head and chest injuries, he returned victorious at the first attempt aboard Talathath at Windsor in August. And he rounded off his abbreviated campaign by steering Pilsud-ski to land the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Turf in Toronto six months ago.

While in a Hong Kong hospital, recovering from his fall, Swinburn was touched by the plight of local children seriously injured in an earth-quake. He raised £60,000 towards children's causes by a sponsored walk in Ireland, where he described Entrepreneur, trained by Michael Stoute, as his motivating force

for the coming season. Stoute, who has always stood by Swinburn in times of turbulence, yesterday affirmed his support for the troubled jockey. "I have been very aware that life has been a struggle for him recently and I look forward to him coming back when the problem is under control, when he will most certainly have my full support."

Patrons of the Stoute stable also pledged their allegiance. Chris Richardson, manager of the Thompson-owned Cheveley Park Stud, which has a significant presence with Stoute, said yesterday: "I know the Thompson family have always admired and respected Walter. He has always been part of the team



Swinburn, in happier times, celebrates winning on Talathath at Windsor last year on his return from injury

and we look forward to him rejoining us when he is ready. He was due to ride Dazzle for us in the 1,000 Guineas and we shall miss his presence." Dr Michael Turner, medi-

cal officer at the Jockey Club, said Swinburn was free to return as soon as he felt ready. "It is inevitable some jockeys will have eating disorders but that's far from saying they can't lead normal lives. It is both debilitating and depressing for people when their weight goes up and down but there's no reason at all why Walter should not be back."

On the 2,000 Guineas front, Ian Balding has booked Michael Hills to ride his Free Handicap winner, Hidden Meadow, and Cash Asmussen is to ride the Stoute-trained Desert Story in the Newmarket classic on May 3.

# RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

WHITBREAD GOLD CUP Sandown, April 26 **GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES** 

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THIS year's Whitbread Gold Cup has attracted a disappointingly small field, but it is nonatheless an extremely tricky race to weigh up.

Amticak Express, third in the race last seeson, has been prepared with this in mind and is likely to be sent off fevourite

on the day. He made an encouraging reappearance when third to Bentone over an inadequate title at Ascot earlier this

or the cay, he hade at a country of depressions when third to Bertone over an inadequiate this at Ascot earlier this month, and seems sure to go wall, but runs off the same mark today and may again have to satile for a place. Barton Barton Barton has been in fine form this seems, and followed his Gold Cup second with a discaved success in the Martell Cup at Bintree. However, although his jumping has been good fit eleason, he has struggled with the Sandown teness before and makes little appear at 9-2. Yorkshire Gele has a good record at Sandown Did. sloppy with Call to A Day, to not certain to stay. Plyer's they stays well, but is prone to jumping series, while filishops fall has ability but has been pulled upon the first two starts, most recently in the Grand Nethonal. Feathered Gele appeared to deline the formed Nethonal fences for the second time running this fluid out in the same mark faire as when the surface, but running the same mark faire as when the hard surface, but running well handscaped over tempte, the ran well for one so inexpensed when such in the National fair of will be well surfacely the likely time ground at Sandown. At 9-2 with Ladbrokes and the Tote, AVRO ANSON has solid clains.

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CSF £54.77 Theast; £985.03 Gar 134.77 (nuast 1289.13) 5.00 (5) 58yc) 1, Sherp Pearl (R Hughes, 6-1), 2, Mister Raider (6-1); 3, Justinianus (7-2) I-barl, Songsheef 7-2 p-law 8 ran. 191. 41, JWhite, Tote: 19, 30, 51 90, 11 90, 51 30. DF: 551.10, CSF: 627.37. Tricast 6132.43.

Placepot £230.30. Quadpot £26.10. **Towcester** 

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today), CSP (216 84. 2.50 (2m 6f ch) f. Who is Equinama (M A Fizzgaraid, 4-11 lav); 2. Vollayball (16-1); 3. Carrys Prerogative (66-1), 9 tan. 81, 11f. N Handerson, Tets C1.40; £1.10, £2.60, £10 10 DF: £10.20, Tinc £153 10. CSF: £6,94. DF: 10.20. Time 2153 10. CSF: 26.84.
3.20 (2m 5i indie) 1, Sharp Command (X Alburu, 5-1); 2, Hancock (3-1 lay); 3, Edu De France (33-1) 13 ran. 101, 301 F Socies. Totle 15.70: 22 40, 17 30. C13 00. DF. 27 80. Time 5.275 80. CSF: 217 41. Timeast 2408.94 3.50 (3m 1fcn); 3. Supposini IR Guest 10-11; 2, Lay it Oit (7-2); 3, Furry Fox (6-1). Postman's Path 100-30 lav. 10 ran. 8t. 4t. Mar S. Smith. Totle: E14.70; E3.50. C1 90. CS.10. DF. C34 80. Tide. E202.90 CSF: 247.91. Timeast 223.87

947.91, Tricast 2223 87
4.20 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Mr Sneggle (R Johnson, 9-2 (f-lav); 2, Cracking Frost (12-1); 3, Montes Jay (11-2) Nachall 9-2 (f-lav), 11 ran, 2, 61 S Earle, Toler 25.00; 22.00, 22.00, 22.70, 22.60 DF: 251.10, Tric. 987.10 CSF 254 16, Tricast, 2284.88. 4.50 (2m holle) 1, Antiguain Riyer (A P McCoy, 3-1 lan), 2, See Ford (7-2), 3. Positivo (7-1), 10 ran, 7, 20, G Production. Tota £4.00, £2.00, £1.50, £1.20 DF: £7.50 Tito, £24.80 CSF £13.70 Tricast, £63 63.

POINT OFF ONL DETAILS

AXE VALE HARRIERS (Stational Cross)
Hunt 1, Jim Crow (M. Affler, B.11 text).
firished alone, 4 ran Confined: 1, Clendon Jack (T. Mitchell, 100-30), 2, Gelera Effort, 3, Friendly Lady, 10 ran. Men's Open 1, Ouether Memory (J. Tizzard, 2-7 zw); 2, Anduba, 2 ran Ladies: 1, Old Mill Stream (Milas P Gundy, 5-2); 2, Anduc Chill; 3, On Milas P Gundy, 5-2); 2, Anduc Chill; 3, Children, 5-ran Intermediater, 1, Medion's Own (T. Matchell, 4-8 law); 2, Highway Lad; 3, Elle Flavador, 6 ran Poetridead 1, Ann's Ambision (M. Fritts, 8-1); 2, False Tali; 3, Royel Turn, 11 ran. Open Mort (5-7yo); 1, Sue's Cuest (P King, 7-2); 2, Fever Pitch, 3, Acetylone 5 ran.

Sue's Quest (P King, 7-2): 2 revers the Acetylone 5 ran.

GRAFTON (Molinction): Hunt: 1. Broad Steams (J Connell, 2-5 tay), bristhed alone; 4 ran. Intermediate. 1. Nothing Ventured; 4 Beecles, 7-4 p-tay): 2. July Schoor; 3. Babre King, 9 ran. Sporting Life Ludies; 1. Stephens, Pet (Miss A Date, 1-4 lay); 2. Making Time. Only 2 finished 3 ran Moling Time. Only 2 finished 3 ran Condinact; 1. Severn Impater (Miss H Condinact; 1. Severn Impater (Miss H Condinact; 1. Tray); 2 Walkers Point; 100 finished; 1. Sommer (Miss H Time); 1. September; 3. Miss Selections; 4. Miss Precoclous; 9 ran. Chairmen; 3. Miss Precoclous; 9 ran. Chairmen; 1. Tray 2. Tray HAYDON (Hesham point-to-point course): Hunt: 1, Noncolycurbusiness (7 Scott, 2-) fev), 2, Stanwick Fort; 3, Hawailan Prince, 5

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ran, Cordinad 1, Winnie Lorraine (T Scott, 7-1); 2, Will Trevel; 3, Worthy Spari, 3 ran, Rest 1, Jolly Fellow (Miss S Ward, 7-1); 2, Solwaysands, 3, Kings Toiren 9 ran, Men's Open; 1, Washake (J Wellon, 7-4); 2, Todorag, 2 ran, Ladies; 1, Steele Justice (Miss P Robson, 1-4 tay), 2, Schweposs Tanic; 3, Hooley's Treal, 3 ran, Open Mon (8yo+); 1, Mighly Express (A Opden, 7-1); 2, Fest Furr, 3, Toirin, 4 ran, Open Mon (5-7yo); 1, Grand Entry (T Berry, 12-1), 2, The Camair Riyer, 3, Miss Accounts 9 ran, Allowald J. 2, Schiff U. STARFS (Sandon); MEYNELL & SOUTH STAFFS (Sandon MEYNELL & SOUTH STAFFS (Sandon):
Hunt: 1, Dornino Night (E Haddock, B-1)
tayl: 2, Bucks Surprise, 3, Sandy King 4
ran Contined: 1, Mi Wilbur (A Dalton, 5-1):
2, No More The Food, 3, Wordsston Familer
8 ran, Men's Open: 1, Back The Road (G
Hammer, 4-5 tayl: 2, Injunction, 3, Finity
Drifty Doo, 5 ran, Ladles: 1, Very Desiring
(Mass, S. Sharrath, 10-1): 2, Southerist
daughter only 2 finished, 4 ran PPORA, 1,
Rober (A Dahon, 4-6 lay), 2, Yufun Gale, 3,
Penilyne's Pride 6 ran, Midn': 1, Ardier Man
(A Crow, Everns tay); 2, Sandi Dewi; 3, My
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PEMBRONESHIRE (Lydstep) Hunt: 1, Radio Deys (J Jules, 1-8 tav); 2, Aerstan's Choice, 2 ran, Intermediate: 1, Sterling Buck, Littlen Pritchard, 2-11, 2, Dick's Cabin. Only 2 tinished, 3 ran. Men's Open: 1, Landslew Musale (E Williams, 1-2 tav); 2, Al Frolic; 3, No Panic, 3 ran. Open Midn [5-7yo]: 1, A Few Dollars More (Julian Princhard, 6-4 lav); 2, Celn Wood, Gullan Princhard, 6-4 lav); 2, Celn Wood, Small, 3, Redoran 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Lucly Ole Son (Miss P. Jones, 4-8 tav), 2, Cellic Bizante, Only 2 tinished. 4 ran. Roser 1, Plucky Purter (P Williams, Evens sov); 2, Hillion (D S Jones, Evens tav); 2, Naddarny; 3, Nikdasecondichance, 7 ran.

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OLIOSIN (Garthorope) Hunt: 1, Mr. Gee (K. Carthorope) 

# FOLKESTONE

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW BEST

2.00 Blue Imperial. 2.30 Press On Nicky. 3.00 Lasham, 3.30 Peppiatt. 4.00 Cuban Nights. 4.30 Almuhtaram, 5.00 Herbshan Dancer. Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 YET AGAIN. Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 JOHN EMMS (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 2.00 WALMER APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,277: 6f 189yd) (11 runners) 

**2.30** FOLKESTONE TOWN LIMITED STAKES (£3,018: 6/ 189yd) (10)

(£3,U18: b) 189yD) (1U)
201 (4) 3212 APOLLO RED 11 (D.F.6) G1 Meant 6-10-0. Carely Ments 91
202 (10) 6501 SHARP 'N SHART 27 (20)F.6) B Smart 5-8-8. A Daly (5) 65
203 (7) 244- BOH LUCK 37-J 18ement 5-9-8. A Clark 67
204 (7) 8-33 SELJMEN 11 N Welter 4-9-6. S Millworth 92
205 (5) 000- NO EXTRAS 171 (F.S.5) 61 Manne 7-9-6. S Millworth 92
206 (8) 5-25 WC70RY TEMM 19 (5) 6 Baking 5-9-6. S Drowns 20
207 (6) 230- WHATE SETTLER 229 (0) F) R Modes 4-9-6. S Drowns 20
208 (7) 3200 WHEL DO 14 M MEASE 4-9-8. S Drowns 20
209 (7) 220-MANIEMATO 24 D Congrove 3-8-7. M Report 93
7-2 Sharp 'n Smart, 9-2 Apolity Red, 5-1 Bon Luck, 6-1 Sustiner, 7-1 No Estato.
White Settler, B-1 Victory Team, 10-1 others.

3.00 SANDLING SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0: £1,985; 5f) (9)

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TRANSERS: S Williams, 7 sensers from 23 number, 30 4%, C Horgon, 6 from 23, 26.1%, N Callaghan, 6 from 24, 25.0%, M Prescott, 11 som 45, 24.4%, B Millman, 6 from 29, 20.7%, R Alashuss, 14 from 83, 16.9%, JOCKEYS: M Romers, 7 straters from 32, notes, 21.9%, Donn O'Nent, 12 from 62, 19.4%, 7 Sprake, 11 from 57, 19.3%, 6 Dullevit, 18 from 98, 18.4%; Paul Eddery, 16 from 91, 17.6%, T Quiter, 17 from 111, 15.3%. Plecepot £231.90. Quadpot £35.50.

# 4.10 HANCOCKS HB HANDICAP HURDLE

2.40 Nordic Valley. 3.10 Mrs Em. 3.40 All For Luck. 4,10 Pridwell. 4.40 Final Pride. 5.10 Country Lover. Carl Evans: 4.40 Final Pride.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.40 REYNARD HOVICES CHASE (£2,850: 2m 3t 110yd) (5 runners)

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3.10 BETTY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,262; 2m 110yd) (4)

1-S Mrs Em. 7-1 Nebi Yabiey, 8-1 Newin Janune, 50-1 Lunar Gris.

3.40 WEATHERBYS SPONSORSHIP IN RACING HANDICAP CHASE (£3,534. 3m 2t 110yd) (5)

1 4645 ALL FOR LLDX 18 F.E.S.) M Pipe 12-12-0 ... A P. Mickey 2 29PP HAVE TO THINK 66 (F.S.) P Nicholks 9-11-13 Mr J Tezzard (7) 3 33SP FROZEM 0800P 89 (D.F.S.) P Richers 10-10-8 ... C Maurit 4 2051 FRETURES COURSE 24 (D.F.S.) J Ring 9-10-5 T. J Mickey 5 1542 GLEMFINN PRINCESS 125 (F.S.) P Bowen 9-10-4 W Marston 9-4 All For Luck, 11-4 Fortunes Course, 4-1 Glenium Princess, 5-1 Have To Think,

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered for

| AD ANALES (3-1-U: 23, 140; O1) (10) | AD ANALES (3-1-U: 23, 140; O1) (10) | AD ANALES (3-1-U: 23, 140; O1) | AD ANALES (3-1-U: 23, 140; O2) | AD ANALES (3-1-U: 24) | AD ANALES (3-1U: 24) | AD ANALES (3-1-U: 24) | AD ANALES (3-1U: 9-4 John Emms. 3-4 Oches, 7-2 Flord Party, 7-1 Master Glum, 10-1 Pepparti, Keen

3.30 BARHAM MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,148: 61) (10)

4.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£2,992: 1m 7f 92yd) (9)

Ouron Williams (7) 69
3-1 Shirley Venuure. 7-2 Paradise Novy, 4-1 Cuban Highls, 5-1 Buest Alliance, 8-1
Taft Back, 10-1 Gentleman Sur, 12-7 others.

#### 4.30 DOVER HANDICAP (£3,070; 1m 4f) (12)

7-4 Yel Again, 5-2 Ricony Spray, 5-1 Sapphare Son, 7-1 Harls Tatis, 12-1 Atmosferam, 14-1 Anches Versione, Charmetood Jack, 16-1 offers

5,00 TIM FREEMAN HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £2,855: 1m 1l 149yd) (15) 5-1 Herbshan Dancou, 6-1 Princhincha, 7-1 Chaluz, Color Productr, 8-1 Philosophic, 10-1 Scands, 12-1 others

# 1 0021 PROWEL 7 (C.D.F.G.S) M Ppo 7-12-6 (Sed) ... A P McCoy PP2S ASMIFEL 80Y 18 (D.F.G.S) P Hobbs 6-10-7 ... W Marston 3 4150 FORESTM. 17 (CD.S.S) 5 SFMED: 5-10-0 ... T J Murphy 4 (468) BLAR CASTLE 17 (D.F) 6 Bating 6-10-0 ... A Bates (5)

4.40 DUNRAVEN WINDOWS SOUTH AND WEST WALES POINT-TO-POINT CHAMPIONSHIP

(Hunter chase: amaleurs: £3,649; 3m) (12)

2-1 Mass Mullibrook, 5-1 Busman, 6-1 Real Pride, 10-1 Kinglister Bay, Doubling Doma, Royal Oats, 12-7 others 5.10 SAPLING NOVICES HURDLE (£2,234, 2m 4t 110yd) (5)

2-5 Country Luver, 11-4 Name Of Dur Father, 14-1 Don't Mind N I Do, 25-1 Westfield, Air Robster

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRANSPRS: M. Pipe, 64 winners from 210 numers, 25 7%; P. Hobbs, 19 from 76, 24 4%; P. Nicholts, 14 from 67, 20.9%. J. King, 4 from 27, 14 8%. Only qualifiers. 14 8% Unity quarters: JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 23 imposes from 82 ildes, 28 D%, G Bradley, 7 from 26, 26.9%, W Marston, 8 from 80, 13 3%, Only qualifiers.

# Midnight Legend can strike again

By OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

DAVID NICHOLSON can get the three-day Pun-chestown Festival off to a fine start for British trainers as his impressive Aintree winner, Midnight Legend, has a fine opportunity to follow up in the Country Pride Champion

Novices Hurdle today. The nine-runner field has also attracted the Nicky Henderson-trained Sharpical, who chased home Midnight Legend at the Grand National meeting. It would be no surprise to see them full the

first two places again. There was plenty to like about how Midnight Legend quickened again when asked by Richard Johnson at Aintree. In contrast, Sharpical looked to be travelling like a winner going to the last flight but found disappointingly lit-

tle when let down. Midnight Legend has the advantage of being a relatively fresh horse and will relish ground which is officially good but should ride a good deal faster. Toast The Spreece, the winner of the Irish Lincoln last time out,

looks best of the home team. The most valuable race of the day is the £50,000 BMW Handicap Chase, which the former two-mile champion chaser, Klairon Davis, attempts to win for the second year running. Klairon Davis disappointed many when he could manage only fourth behind Martha's Son at Cheltenham last month and, although he would appreciate more cut in the ground, he is favoured by the race

With a minimum weight of 10st 11lb, only Merry Gale, who carries 11st 2lb, can join him in the handicap proper and the three British challengers - Arctic Kinsman. Big Matt and Lord Dorcet face a tough task at the weights. Arctic Kinsman could prove best of them but Klairon Davis is difficult to oppose.

conditions.

Bob Buckler, the Dorset trainer, has his first runners in Ireland when he sends out three horses. Court Master may find the ground too firm in the Bradstock Insurance Novices' Chase but the British raiders may still have the edge in the shape of the impressive Newbury winner, Linton Rocks, trained by Tim Thomson Jones.

Miss Diskin represents Buckler in the Ballymore Properties Handicap Chase, while Ground Nut tackles the Balcas Handicap Hurdle. Neither, however, makes much appeal.

# **PONTEFRACT**

2.15 Henry The Hawk 2,50 Will You Dance

3,20 Standown

3.50 ROKEBY BOWL (nap) 4,20 Forest Robin 4.50 Sterling Fellow

5.20 Rosy Outlook

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 Zinzari. 4.20 Another Time.

### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 6000 TIMES 74 (CD,SF,F,G,S) (Nas D Robinson) 8 Hztl 9-10-0 ... 8 West (4) 88

Resected number. Draw in brackets. Sor-Squire layon (F— kell, P— qualted up. U— unseated claier. B— brought down. S— stipped up. R— classed. O— classealified. Horse's name Days share last outlang. J I purpos, F il Rat. (B— blinkers V— visor. H— head. E— Eyesheld. Trainer. Age and weight. floor plus any allowance. The Yines Private Handicapper's saling.

DRAW, 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

# 2.15 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES ROUND ONE HANDICAP

BETTRIG: 3-1 Able Steriti. 7-2 Masocio, 4-1 Square Ceste, 5-1 Chadwell Hall, 8-1 Dissentor, Summe 12-1 Playmaker. 16-1 others, 1996: CAPTAIN CARAT 5-9-0 Clare West (13-2) Mirs J Ramsden 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOURRE CORRRE about 13:1 4th of 20 to Surpress
Messing in handicap at Thirds (St. good to firm)
CHADWELL HALL 13:1 and of 19 to Johann or
apprentice handicap at Ripon (St. good to firm) and
DRSSENTOR (1th worse off) 41 8th. MANOLO (st.
2nd of 5 (desputished) to Johann conditions race
at Misselburgh (St. good to firm) with ABLE
SHERRET neck 2nd. SURMARTHYRILE WOOD beat

### 2.50 BEAST FAIR MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,853: 1m 2l 6yd) (11 runners) 20-3: 7/m 2/ Dy(0) (17 Numhers)
24- IN OLLESTION 228 (R Aboulla) B Hills 9-0 D Holland STANIS CASINOS BOY (Subre Casinos) M Johnston 9-0 J Whaver TANIS CASINOS BOY (Subre Casinos) M Johnston 9-0 R Cacharde Strays Common BETTIME: 3-1 in Question, 4-1 Taunt, 9-2 Will You Dance, 5-1 Winter Garden, 6-1 Zinzari, 10-1 Mess Riviera Rosa, 12-1 others.

1998: BACKDROP 9-8 J Reid (5-4 lav) P Chapple-Hymn 12 mil

### FORM FOCUS

BY QUESTION 61 4th of 14 to Palio Sky in auction maiden of Haydock (1m., good). TAIRIT head and neck 3rd of 13 to Redwing in maiden at Newcastle (7f., good). TRIBEY AGABY 98541 5to of 7 to kathyris 5 bet in auction maiden at Musseburgh (1m. 4). Soft). WINTER GARDEN 8941 7th of 20 to Handsone Riving in maiden at Doncaster (7f., soft). Selection, Will. YOU DANCE 3th You provide the maiden at Doncaster (7f., soft).

### 3.20 BENTLEY SELLING STAKES (£2,679; 6f) (12 numbers)

(8) 649-000 DASHMS DANCER 14 (8) (Nichels) D Show 6-9-7.

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(9) 4925012- FRISTERRE 124 (D.S) (Les Fermers Fables) J J O'Nell 4-9-7.

(9) 0500-00 BESPECTABLE JONES 61 (D.F. 6.5) R Hollinshead 11-9-7.

(10) 20030-5 D STANDOWN 17 (D.F. 6.5) Mrs. C Dealmay J Berry 4-9-7.

(11) 000-005 DEARDAW 24 (5 Hopkins) Miles C Dealmay J Berry 4-9-7.

(12) 000-005 DEARDAW 24 (5 Hopkins) Miles C Siddlei 5-9-2.

(13) 000-005 DEARDAW 24 (5 Hopkins) Miles C Siddlei 5-9-2.

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(2) SSP000- SIGELTON COUNTESS 145 (6 Balley) R Hoffischand 4-9-2.

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(3) DOSSELTON COUNTESS 145 (6 Balley) R Hoffischand 4-9-2.

(4) ON PERSONAL MESS STANDERS STANDER SETTRIE: 3-1 Federem, 4-1 Standown, 5-1 Tay Frisity Farmer, 6-1 Lucky Revenge, 8-1 Skalton Countess, 10-1 Deardew, 12-1 others.

1986: SMART GUEST 4-9-7 X Fallon (7-1) J Hanis 8 cm

FORM FOCUS

FINISTERRE 2/61 2nd of 13 to Three Weeks in familiary at Wighest 2/61 2nd of 13 to Three Weeks in familiary at Wighest 2/61 2nd of 18 to To Judinianus in selection of a Lingfield (JAW, 61). LUCKY REVERSE 8/61 8th of 9 to Form Dencer in selection 2/2 2nd of 18 to Orolan in saliner over course and distance (groun) THE FRISKY FARMER.

### 3.50 PONTEFRACT PARK LIMITED STAKES

(£5,498: 1m 2f 6yd) (5 numers) 

1996: HURMOURLESS 3-8-5 L Detron (7-2) L Current 7 tan FORM FOCUS

BILLY BUSHWHACKER next and %) 3rd of 17 to 7 th 18 per section for in handicap at Doncaster (for 21 Gbyd, 18 per section for in handicap at Doncaster (for 21 Gbyd, 18 per section for 1

4.20 CORN MARKET HANDICAP (£3,785: 1m 4yd) (9 numers) 

SETTING: 9-4 Countshy, 7-2 Another Tron. 5-1 Rentito Weitzer, 7-1 Genuine John, 8-1 Forest Robin. 10-1 Scallects, 12-1 Restox Fond, 15-1 Johns. 1998: MASTER CHARTER 4-8-10 K Falton (9-4 lan) Mrs J Remaden 19 ran

FORM FOCUS ANOTHER TIME about 2941 5ft of 21 to Edan Heights in handicap at Newtony (1m 2), sold, SUALTACH 7941 8th of 28 to Perstan Fayre of Handicap at Newtony in 171, good countries are at Nothingham 11m. good to firm). PUREST ROSDI 181 12th of 17 to Note Plains in handicap at Business Way in handicap at State in classification age of 14 to Stat Talent in claimer at Warwick (1m, good to firm), SANDBLASTER 6941 9th of 19 to Height 17 to White Plains in handicap at Business Way in handicap at Businesy (1m 22, good to Sirra). RAMBO

### 4.50 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,688: 2m 1f 22yd) (9 runners)

1998: LIPPER MOUNT CLAN 6-9-2 & Doyle (9-2) C Smain 15 nav FORM FOCUS

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### 5.20 spring three year old maiden fillies stakes (3-Y-0: £3,599; 6f) (8 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 Salara Mitacta, 5-2 Tajerchain, 5-1 Hosy Outlook, 6-1 Sercel Palongas, 10-1 Agill, 14-1 Yabina El Sultan, 16-1 others.

1996: PROMPTLY U-11 t. Detton (Evens lev) M Steute 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELLA LAMBES 101 9th of 17 to Soutet Scale in malden at Doncaster (Gl. actt). ROSY OUTLOOK 18 Bith of 10 to Beryllucus in malden at Classics (FL good) on perudicing sizer. YARMIT EL SULTAN Bell less of 12 to Traffiblizers in auction good). SLEPT MRIFACE to sout-house (RJ, good to Selection: SLENT MRIFACE).

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS Pat Eskiery W Ryan L Detion K Fafton M Hills Alex Gresons 41.7 24.8 23.8 22.7 20.0 18.8 H Cecil A Sement B Hills J Dundop B Hanbury D Loder 37.5 22.6 19.8 19.2 18.8 12.9

# Test trial provides little new evidence

EDGBASTON (final day of four): England A drew with The Rest

THE life of the Tetley's Shield was short and unexciting, and its passing little mourned. The customary blights of April rain and cloudy skies returned yesterday to thwart the best efforts of Adam Hollioake and Mark Ramprakash to stage a meaningful finish to the first significant match of the new season. Over four days, the fixture was deprived of 114 overs.

#### SCOREBOARD

Second Innings Second finnings

M A Butcher fow b Brown
JER Gallian c Warren b Brown
6
M P Vaughan b Brown
1 A McGrath b Holkrake
7 A J Hollscake c Warren b Hollscake 39
M A Eatharn c Ramprakash b Hollscake 2
W K Hegg c Maddy b Solanku
1 G Chapple not out
23
C W Headley C Hollscake b Brown
23
Extras (b 2 ib 6, w 4 nb 2)
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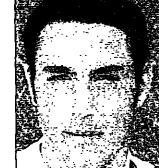
BOWLING Severwood 13-1-38-0; Brown 15-5-3-50-4; Tudor 6-2-22-0; Hollinake 9-2-22-3; Solaniu 12-5-33-1

THE REST: First innings 350 for 6 dec IM R Ramprakash 108 not out, R J Warren

D L Maddy not out BOWLING Headley 1-0-8-0. Chapple Umpres: H D Bird and R Palmer

The final day began in sunshine and with a promising climax in prospect. With Ramprakash's side. The Rest, taking the morning honours. it took some unconvincing slogging from Chapple and - who was caught off a no-ball before he had scored - to raise 50 for England A's eighth wicket and set up the game's third declaration 45 minutes after lunch.

Laney and Maddy had just embarked on chasing 277 from a minimum of 52 overs when the rain came. Hollioake's target was a stiff one and the slightest interruption was fatal to the hunt being resumed. Umpires Palmer and Bird his bruised eye still shining



Ben Hollioake: showed

good all-round skills

FOOTBALL

brightly in what by then could only be termed bright gloom

— called off play at the earliest possible opportunity, 5pm, their task simplified by the fact that they were without light meters because the England

and Wales Cricket Board

(ECB) has not yet received a

new supply.

In the event, the match, wisely treated as a trial for what England hope are their rising stars, told the selectors little that may be of use in their campaign to regain the Ashes this summer. Butcher and Ramprakash, who shared the match award, and Gallian

gave reminders of their competency, and are high in the pecking order should a mishap befall one of England's established batsmen, while Headley is apparently also well regarded. Others may wait longer for preferment.

In this respect, the match provided greater encourage ment. Ben Hollioake is still a teenager and was playing only his fourth first-class match. but already he looks a player of substance. Having batted with maturity on Sunday for his unbeaten 46. yesterday he produced an excellent spell of lively medium-pace bowling in the hour before lunch.

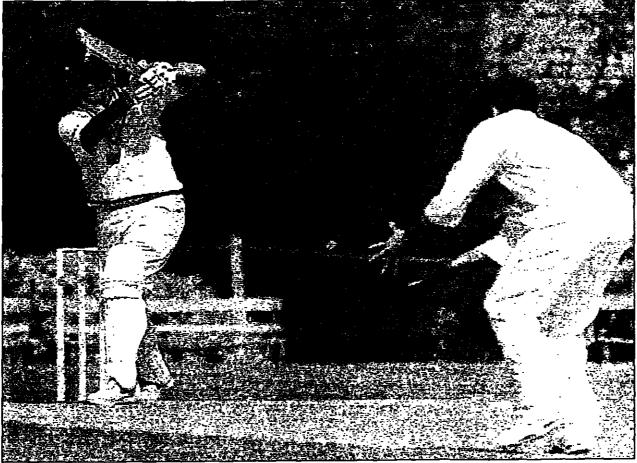
He claimed three good wickets in five overs - McGrath, Ealham and his elder brother. Adam, who was undone by extra bounce and gloved a catch to Warren, another who did his cause no harm here. Hollioake was educated at Millfield - one of the best cricket nurseries in the country and Alma Mater of, among numerous other active players, Dean Cosker, a teammate yesterday - and has also played rugby and hockey at

He concentrated on a full length and a steady line on or the West Indies and India outside off stump, which was certainly the area to bowl to McGrath, who scored 62 -- to add to his first-innings 46 without inspiring confidence. The Yorkshireman tried in vain time and again to pull Tudor through mid-wicket and was bowled off a thick inside edge attempting to repeat another of his favourite shots, the cut through gully. Ealham sliced a drive into the

hands of gully. When Hegg was caught at silly point pushing forward to a ball from Solanki on the stroke of lunch, England A were precariously placed, 123 for seven leading by 226.

If this fixture is to continue in its present format, the ECB might do better to reschedule it two or three weeks further into the season, when the players are better into their stride and the appetite of spectators truly whetted. This game attracted paltry attendances, and it had only something to do with the weather.

TODAY'S FIXTURES



Oxford's Averis failed to hold this return catch from Keech but still picked up five wickets and champagne

# Eighth-wicket pair deny Hampshire

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Hampshire

WHEN it seemed that they would surrender their second innings, and the match, Oxford University denied Hampshire last night. Patel and Scrini batted out the last hour and a half after seven wickets had gone down for 137 and Hampshire's attack, which lacked Connor, who went off with a neck injury after bowling only four overs, was powerless to overcome them. Patel ended the day with a

of the nearby Demerara river

yesterday morning, the fifth

and final Test match between

meandered towards the sort of

meaningless draw that gives

five-day cricket such a bad

name. West Indies won the

A useful crowd - made

vociferous by a potent mix of

bright sun and dark rum -

watched Carl Hooper and

Shivnarine Chanderpaul

wheel away mechanically for

much of the afternoon at

India's unexciting middle-and

late-order batsmen. Mohammad Azharuddin,

in his element against a list-

less attack on a featherbed,

had briefly threatened may-

hem in the morning - driv-

ing, flicking and pulling the

bowlers for a succession of

boundaries - until his in-

nings was cut short by Edwin

Nichols, a local umpire stand-

Azharuddin was given out caught behind off Bishop

when television replays

showed that the bowler had

overstepped the crease by at

least two inches, making his

ing in his first Test match.

series 1-0.

Whitaker, who was roped in as the seventh bowler when all other ploys had failed. Scrini, who seems to be a bit of a battler, simply declared "they shall not pass", and got his head down. Once again he didn't favour a sweater although it was warmer in the Parks; at any rate, less cold. Stephenson declared the

Hampshire innings on 415 for five, a lead of 172, after Keech had completed a century to go with the captain's. All the wickets went to the bustling seamer, Averis, who later received a bottle of champagne as the students' man of the match; the umpires' choice

series in which Indian bats-

men have lost their wickets to

In the third Test in Barba-

dos, Sachin Tendulkar was

out to an uncalled no-ball for

93 in the first innings. In the

critical second innings, with

an unsuccessful India chasing

120 to win, Navjot Sidhu, the

India opener, was also given

Georgetown, however, contin-

ued to be aimed at the West

Indies cricket authorities for

their lackadaisical approach

to protecting Test grounds against rain. Yesterday, Geof-

frey Boycott, in the Caribbean

as a television commentator,

added his voice to a growing

clamour for Georgetown to be

stripped of Test match status.

In a view that echoes that of

Michael Holding, the former

West Indies fast bowler, Boy-

cott said that the time had

come for Georgetown to be

used only as a venue for one-

day internationals. He said:

Let them set aside five days

for two one-day games, which

would allow for reserve days if

The loudest criticism in

out off a no-ball.

Draw brings series to

unsatisfactory close

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN GEORGETOWN

MOVING at the slothful pace dismissal the third in this

no-balls.

Oxford were in trouble as soon as Mascarenhas was brought on. It is hard to pin down this 19-year-old. He was born in London to Sri Lankan parents and brought up in Australia, where he has played club cricket in Perth. Strictly speaking, therefore, he is an Aussie, but it is not a point that Hampshire will press strongly. He took nine wickets on his debut last year. against Glamorgan, and

When he dismissed Byrne, who had batted well for his 49. Hampshire nostrils twitched at the prospect of an early night, but they were still

ought to command a regular

bowling at six o'clock as Patel and Scrini refused to budge. After failing narrowly to keep Durham at bay last week, the students will take comfort from this draw and hope that their batsmen start turning decent forties and fifties into the kind of big hundred Ed Smith made for Cambridge at the weekend.

it would be proper to retract yesterday's criticism of the use of mobile phones on the outfield. The student in question, Jamie Haynes, was in fact checking on the health of his father, who is recovering after a serious operation. Best wishes to the father, therefore, and apologies to the son.

# YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

University match Oxford University v Hampshire

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Hampshire OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 243 for 9 dec (P G Morgan 60)

J A G Futton c Ayrnes b James
P G Morgan Row b Mascarenhas
C Patel not out
tA P Sonta not out

Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 8, rtb 4) . . . . Total (7 wkts) . FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-35, 3-35, 4-54, SOWLING: Connor 4-1-9-0, Milburn 16-4-24-1; James 13-2-25-1; Mascarenhas 20-3-63-5, Udal 24 5-12-33-0; Stephenson 5-1-13-0, Whitaker 1 4-0-16-0

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings G W White c Morgan b Averis ....
'J P Stephenson c Palei b Averis
M Keech c Wagh b Averis
M Keech c Wagh b Averis
P R Whitaker not out

Extras (b 16, lb 8, w 16, nb 20) ... Total (5 wkts dec) ..... †A N Aymes, S D Udal, A D Mascerenhas, C A Coretor and S M Miliburn did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-179, 3-352, 4-410, 5-415 BOWJNG: Avens 30 2-5-98-5; Patel 27-5-99-0; Hudson 21-5-62-0; Byrne 10-1-32-0; Wagh 23-5-50-0; Mather 9-1-50-0.

Umpres: J H Hams and N A Mallender First Test match

Sri Lanka v Pakistan COLOMBO (third day of live), Pakistan, with one first-imings wicket in hand, are 40 runs ahead of Sn Lanka SRI LANKA: First Innings 330 (H P Tulekaratne 103, R S Kaluwitharana 57, Saqlam Mushlaq 5 for 89)

PAKISTAN: Fire irrors Salm Elahribw 5 Yass "Ramz Raja c Parscunga

BOWLING Vaas 28-8-72-1; Zorse 10-0-55-0; Dharmasena 48-17-89-1; Muraidh aran 53-19-98-6 Javasunya 3-0-15-0 De Silva 4-0-16-0; Ranatunga 3-1-5-0 Artico

Fifth Test match West Indies v India

GEORGETOWN (final day of five, funch): India have scored 301 for five wickers against West Indias

A D Jadeja c Browne b Bishop N S Sidhu c Hooper b Waish R S Dravid c Hooper b Rose 92 "S R Tendulkar c and b Bishop . Extras (0.4, tb.5, w.2, nb.13) ...... Total (5 wkts) .....

S Joshi, D Ganesh, A P Kuruvilla and B K V Prased to bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-68, 3-231, 4-241, 5-280. BOMLING: Ambrose 29-14-36-0; Bishop 26-8-50-2; Rose 30 4-6-86-2; Walsh 28 2-9-62-1; Hooper 7-2-16-0; Chanderpaul 23-7-

WEST INDIES: S.L. Campbell, S.C. Williams, S.Chanderpaul, B.C. Lan, C.L. Hooper, R.I.C. Holder, t.C. O. Browne, I.R. Bishop, C.E. L. Ambrose, F.A. Rose, "C.A. Walsh, Umpires: E Nicholis (West Indies) and G Sharp (England)

# All-embracing \* tales from the exclusion zone

t this time of year i tend to think of my good friend Geoffrey - though some might imag-ine that friend is pitching it a bit high, and good higher still. Never mind. He has rendered the nation some service simply by dedicating a fair part of his adult life to the noble cause of cheering others up.

Henry Root had nothing on this man. "It has long been my custom," he wrote one Christmas to a big-wig at the Yates Wine Lodge Company. "to buy a bottle of your splendid Bismarck port from the offsales department. I note that the facility has been withdrawn this year, and I find myself looking for some kind soul to help me effect a purchase. Are you such a

At the outset of the Gulf

War he banged off a letter to Tom King at the Ministry of Defence indicating that "Mr Lawson Wild and myself shall be arriving in Whitehall next Wednesday at 0900 hours, and although we have our own provisions hamper we shall obviously require quartering, and then transportation to the theatre of war. Please spare no expense on our behalf."

He made these letters public, and many of the replies they provoked were phrased in a playful tone that he would recognise. Clearly, for men working long hours behind official desks, dealing with a merry prankster broke up the tedium of replying to the real

cranks, although the Yorkshire Electricity Board was surprised to be told to remove its pylons from our sacred Lancashire land — it's not for the likes of

Then, one day, he struck oil, He wrote to the Daily Telegraph, requesting that as my birthday is coming up soon, perhaps you could find room for an acknowledgement." The next week among the ballerinas and civil servants, it read: "Geoffrey McMillan, cricket-

er. 47." To make sure nobody missed the ruse he brandished a copy of the paper at everybody within earshot (most of Lancashire) demanding payment in ale. "There you are. Henderson," he said. Bat, pad and wicket."

McMillan, "cricketer": now there is a joke! He was, like most of us. what John Arlott called "a cricketer in the mind", and the start of a new county season provides a good excuse to commend that underrated breed. Most of us don't play the game regularly, not to an acceptable standard anyway, and most cricketlovers, even those affiliated to

much cricket in the flesh. Yet the game still retains its place in many hearts, and occupies a special place in what we can still call, just about the national fabric. To some, no doubt, the image of cricket is absurdly old-fashioned. To others it is a powerful trigger. It remains a "well-read" game in the game in the

county clubs, no longer watch

MICHAEL HENDERSON



Line and Length

broadsheets and, if you visit the kind of taverns I do, there is still plenty of scope for argument, which suggests that people care sufficiently to have strong opinions.

So, when Matthew Engel writes in Wisden of cricket being seen as "exclusionist" and "elitist". I think of men like Geoffrey and Roger ("the dodger'), who played their cricket on grounds where those qualities are not greatly

Engel should not despair. even if it is the mood that suits him best. In the weeks to come, young people will be introduced to the game in all sorts of ways. The game, after all, means a lot more than how the England team happens to be doing at

any one time. With each worth a mention. passing year I feel more inclusive'

too. A window cleaner by trade (which did not hím admit many elites), he was once skulled by Franklyn Ste-

The dodger" is

phenson, the West Indian allrounder, who was the professional that year for Oldham. As he was led off, there was no sympathy for the bapless batsman. All he heard was: That'll teach you to hook the Another time, playing in a

benefit match, he caught the beneficiary brilliantly at midon, and couldn't understand why his team-mates were reluctant to share his joy. Geoffrey, who was keeping wicket, put it to him plainly. "Because, you dozy so-and-so, when the fine man we are honouring came in to bat they were passing round the hat and there were dozens of people walking into the ground. When they heard you'd caught him, they put their money back in their pockets and walked right off home again."

Far from being exclusionist included me in more comradeship, more innocent fun, more long days, more late nights, and more sense of time having not been wasted than almost anything else. With each passing year, I feel more inclusive. In fact, I feel so happy that I'll even buy the editor of Wisden a drink. If I can be sure of getting one

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would say that cricket has

of six for 98.

# Ijaz recalled from pavilion to resume innings

By SIMON WILDE

Macclesfield v Wolking (7 45) ... Morecambe v Stalybridge (7.45) lock-off 7 30 unless stated \* denotes all-ticket match Tennents Scottish Cup Semi-final reptay Semi-finals, second leg AS Monaco (1) v Internazionale (3) Schalle 04 (0) v Tenerile (1) (7.45)

 Chesterfield v Middlesbrough (at Hillsborough, 7.45) ......... FA Carling Premiership 

FA Cup

Nationwide League ipswich v Manchester City (7.45) .
• Portsmouth v Barnsley (7.45) Second division

Blackpool v Brentford ... Luton v Bury (7 45) ... . Slockport v York ...... Wresham v Crewe ......

Answers from page 50

WORD WATCHING

(c) To canvas. From the verb rand to rave or rant, to utter in a furious manner, to gibber. "Who advised him, as soon as ever be came to the randying ground, to bray with all his might."

(c) A kind of plough formerty used in the Hebrides. From the Gaelic risteal, Old Norse ristill. "The ristle plough seems to have been capable only of making a deep scratch on the soil."

PRAMNIAN (b) A wine from the neighbourhood of Smyrna, on the western coast of Asia Minor. Sweet for modern taste. "The Pramnian wine (which the same Homer bath so highly commended) continues yet in credit and holds the name still: it comes from a vineyard in the country about Smyrna near to the temple of Cybele."

RUMBO (a) A kind of strong punch, hangover-maker, made chiefly of rum. Smollett, Peregrine Pickle, 1751: "He had provided vast quantities of strong beer, flip, rumbo, and burnt brandy."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 ... Oxd4! wins as if 2 Rxd4 Rfl is mate. 2 Qxe6+ Kh8 doesn't help.

division: Billencay v Wolvingham; Carney Island v Unbridge, Leyton Pernant v Molesey, Second division: Barking v Wembey, Collier Row and Romford v Metopolitan Police; Dorlding v Berssteed, Ware v Bedford T; Whenfine v Horsham. Third division: Epsom and Ewell v Horschurch. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Walford v Queens Park, Rangers (at Chesham United FC).
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Eventon v Trannere (7.0).

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GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City v Ceersws; Holywel v Rivi.
FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Deny v Cork Bray v Shebourne.
WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Comitisan v Sheppey: Deal v Whitstable Town; Furness v Backenham. Geenwich v Cray, Herne Bay v Favershom. SCREWRIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgwater v Tiverton; Chard v Crayperham, Mangashed v Calan, Paulton R v Bidetord.
MINERNA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE:

(at Easter Road, Edinburgh, 7 45) ....

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Affrersione v Salisbury. Cambridge City v Astriord, Dorchester v Gloucester (7 45), Halesowen v Ströngbourne (7 45): Sudbury Tri v Cheirenham Middland division: Beeton v Granthem; Moor Green v Sutton Coldried Town; Shepshed D v Blaton, Southern division: Cenderlord v Weston-super-Mare; Newport (foW) v Bashley; Yate v Fleet T. LINBEOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Affreton v Findsley; Bamber Bridge v Blyth Spartans, Gahreborough v Runcom, Knowsley v Guiseley, Leek v Colwyn Bay First division: Great Harwood v Leigh; Harrogate Town v Greina, Lincoln United v Worksop: Stocksbridge PS v Congleton: Worksop: Affreton CAS LEAGUE: Premier division: Beshop's Storiford v Bromley (7.45). Dulwich v Dagerham and Reclaridge (7.45). Gress v Boretham Wood; St. Albans v Aylesbury, Sutron United v Heydridge; Yeading v Stanes; Yeovil v Oxford City (7 45). First INERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Royston v Houdescon, Tremy, Langlord Langlord MIDLAND COMBINATION: ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Splitty: v

Premier division: Comenty Spring v Avechurch; Highgale v Kentworth, Knowle v Southern: Rothmond Switts v Massey Fraguson, Wellesbourne v Coleshill HELENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Braddey v North Leigh: Carterion v Almondsbury. COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Contriban-Casuals y Netherne.

LEAGUE: Contribuen-Casuels v Netherne.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Hother Old Boys v Permith.

Nantwich Town v Burscough.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Febrolows P and T v Grest Yarmouth. Corleston v Diss; Heisland v Woodbridge Town; Harwich and Prakeston v Neumarket. Lowestott v Stowntarket.

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RUGBY UNION Courage Clubs Championship Newbury v Weston-super-Mare (7.30)

OTHER SPORT BOXING: Commonwealth light-weiter-weight championship (vacant): Bernard Paul (Tottenham) v Felix Bweiya (Zambie) (at York Hell, Berhnei Green). UAZ AHMED, the Pakistan batsman, enjoyed a reprieve so late that it possibly contravened the laws of cricket in the first Test match against

fjaz was adjudged run out on 98 — by David Shepherd, the English umpire, following a mix-up with Sa-lim Malik, his brother in law. ljaz played a ball from Muralitharan to midwicket and found himself stranded at the bowler's end as Malik, the non-striker, took a step for-ward and then turned his

BERNARD PAUL, the light-

welterweight from Totten-ham, makes his first assault

on a significant title when he

meets Felix Bwalya, of Zam-

bia, for the vacant Common-

wealth championship at York

As Paul's record of 19 wins.

four defeats and four draws

suggests, he has not always

looked impressive. A good win

over the Zambian could lead

to challenges at a higher level.

Paul beat a good opponent in Richie Edwards, of

Greenford, on points to lift the

Hall Bethnal Green, tonight

(Srikumar Sen writes).

Sri Lanka, in Colombo.

yesterday.

Shepherd called for K.T. Francis, the third umpire, to examine television replays and Francis, from Sri Lanka, ruled ljaz out. The next batsman. İnzamam-ul-Haq, was about to face his first delivery when Francis informed Shepherd that further replays showed that Malik, and not ljaz. was out since he had failed to ground his bat in

Ijaz was in the pavilion when Shepherd told Malik to leave the field, having first consulted with Arjuna Ranatunga. the Sri Lanka captain. ljaz resumed his innings and went on to score 113, his seventh Test century.

**BOXING** 

Paul aiming to climb the ladder

pick himself up off the floor

Zambian other than that he

represented his country in the

1992 Olympic Games, went out in the first stage of the

competition and, as a profes-

sional, he has won all his ten

contests. Even though eight of

those contests have been

stopped, he does not appear to carry a punch to match Paul's.

The Zambian has not boxed

competitively for a year and

may not be sharp enough to

pose too many problems for

the Londoner. But African

Southern Area title, but had to \ opponents can never be taken London on May 20.

Little is known about the

The laws of cricket are ambiguous in such a situations. They state that an umpire may alter his decision, provided that such alteration is made promptly". But they also permit captains of fielding sides to seek permission to withdraw an appeal "provided the outgoing batsman has not left the playing area".

David Orchard, the South

African umpire, caused a furore in the Cape Town Test 15 months ago when he belatplay was about to resume. Originally he rejected run-out

John Reid, the match refer-

edly reversed a decision as appeals by South Africa against Graham Thorpe, the England batsman, only to call

Schwer and, last week,

Simpwe Pamana, a little

known South African, had

Paul Lloyd, of Ellesmere Port.

stopped by the Britan in the

eleventh round. But, tonight,

Paul should come through any

☐ Spencer Oliver, of Barnet,

will challenge for the Euro-

pean super-bantamweight

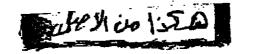
second half of the contest.

for television replays after appeals from the crowd and Hansie Cronie, the South Africa captain, who was later fined for his intervention. Orchard said that he momentarily forgot he had access to

ee yesterday, who was sitting

alongside Francis in the television box, defended the umpires. "Justice has been done and that is what is important, not how long it took," he said. Pakistan finished the third day on 370 for nine, a lead of 40 runs. Muralitharan finished with career-best figures





# Robson considers options before Van Gaal moves in



in on his success

THE worst-kept secret in foor-ball's garrulous world is now admitted: Bobby Robson's job as coach to Barcelona is to be handed to Louis van Gaal just as soon as the Dutchman finishes his tenure with Ajax at the end of this season.

Robson should care. This is the 47th year in which he has committed himself body and soul to football and he is virtually guaranteed higher earnings than ever - certainly in many multiples above the £4.50 per week of his apprenticeship down the pit, where his father. Philip, missed only one shift in 51 years.

indeed. Robson could yet finish his season with Barcelona by winning the Spanish league, the Spanish Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup. He will probably have to drid in the league, but that is a culpable offence where footrepresent the politics of Catalan separatist ideals. He knew all of this when he

took the challenge, he knew it when he enticed Ronaldo, the most coveted player in the world, to join him in Spain, yet, last week, as Ronaldo was using the predatory presence of Sergio Cragnotti, the president of Lazio, of Rome, to bump up his Barcelona salary to £5 million net per year. Robson was being crassly abused by a Madrid journal-ist. "Robson is the worst coach in the world," the malign fellow wrote.

Again, Robson should care. Also in Barcelona, according to Everton, was Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman. Coming from Merseyside, from the place where the Beatles com-posed that song When I'm 64, Johnson was offering another fortune to the 64-year-old Rob-

son to start rebuilding Everton. This time, it appears, the homecoming, if Robson is ready for it, would be to a united boardroom, without the split that became evident when Newcastle United beckoned Robson in the winter.

But he may not come. Reportedly, he has the option, any time he wants it, of a return to the sunnier clime of Oporto, where his team was an unequivocal winner. And who could blame Josep Unis Núñez, the Barcelona president, for wanting Robson to stay, in a capacity of his choice other than team coach?

Nimez is the most cunning of presidents in a club built on politics, but even he has warmed to Robson's character, to his enduring enthusiasm, integrity and the judgment that brought Ronaldo to the Nou Camp.
"Robson's future." Núñez ROB HUGHES



Overseas View

said last weekend, "depends only on the man himself. It is

Possibly so, but Barcelona had then lost 3-1 to lowly Real Valladolid. Days later, after

Barcelona had beaten Athletic Bilbao 2-0, Robson was told by the press that Núñez had finally admitted Van Gaal was to join Barcelona. Robson blinked, arew on his long experience and responded: The club are designing a new structure for the future and I am involved in these

So, Everton wait, FC Porto hover and Barcelona expect a cup or two before decisions are final. Van Gaal, meanwhile, probably comes to the end of an era on Wednesday night. He has been a trainer at Ajax right through the system that produced the finest school professional football has known. That school is now ravaged annually by the departures of irreplaceable talents, migrating under the Bosman ruling to Italian clubs, even without recompense to Ajax.

In addition, half of Van Gaal's starswere grounded by long-term injuries this season ... yet still the club reached the European Cup semi-final, where it had the mistortune to be overrun in the first leg in Amsterdam by unquestion-ably the best side in Europe,

Unless there is the season's biggest surprise in store for the return leg in Turin, this is the end of the road for Van Gaal and Ajax. Even the adulteration of the Champions' League, allowing, from next season, not only the champions but the runners-up of five lavoured nations into the most lucrative of tournaments, will not benefit Ajax.

Juventus.

How anomalous it is to continue with the description "champions". Uefa. European football's governing body, con-fesses that the change in format has a commercial.

rather than strictly meritori-ous, base. The countries that will each have two teams in the event next autumn - Italy. Spain, England, France and Germany — happen to pro-vide 90 per cent of Ucfa's income. This money, £122 million over the 1996-97 campaign, represents 31 per cent more than the 1994 World Cup finals achieved and 136 per cent more than the European championship last year

brought in.

Now that Manchester United are probable winners of the FA Carling Premiership. there will be only two English teams in the European Cup. Had United finished third in the league and won the cup, then England would have had three entries, but both are unlikely — just as unlikely as Bobby Robson ever settling again for his pit wage of £4.50 for a six-day working week.

### **FOOTBALL**

# Wembley key within reach | F. A. C for Juninho

MIDDLESBROUGH have to pick themselves up and go again after their bitter disappointments of last week. Tonight they return to Hillsborough, the scene of their defeat in the Coca-Cola Cup final, for their FA Cup semi-final replay against Chesterfield.

The first contest had enough excitement for half a dozen games. To expect a repeat is perhaps asking too much, but between them Middlesbrough's leg-weary maestros and Chesterfield's romantic outsiders from the Nationwide League second division seem certain to produce more drama.



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MIDDLESBROUGH (probable) B Roberts — N Cox, N Pearson, D Whyte, V Kinder — C Highell, P Stamp, R Musiloe — Junisho — F Ravanelli, M Beck.

CHESTERFIELD (probable). W Mercer — J Hewiti. M Williams, S Dyche, M Jules — T Curtis, P Holland. C Parluns — K Davies, A Moms, J Howard Referee: D Elleray

A piece of footballing history, as well as a place at Wembley, is within reach for both teams. If Middlesbrough win, it will be their first FA Cup Final in their 120 years: if Chesterfield triumph, it will be even more momentous as they would become the first club from their level to reach a Cup

But, for Middlesbrough, the outcome may have even more impor-Victory tonight should provide the impetus for a successful relegation struggle; another failure after the frustration of having both this tie and the Coca-Cola Cup snatched from them in the dying minutes of extra time makes it hard to see how they can recover physically and mentally for the battle

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, remains professionally optimistic and he was quick to reject the suggestion of Ron Atkinson, his former manager, that his team will be relegated. "Yes, we have got a battle, but we only need a

couple of wins to make us safe." Robson said.

"This is a massive game for us. A win will give the players a great boost for the run-in to the season and give us our confidence back. A win will set us up and then, if we get something at Spurs on Thursday. we will have an eight-day rest."

But Middlesbrough go into the game without a win in six games and, although in extra time they had the first match virtually won, they could easily have been knocked out in normal time had not David Elleray, the referee, ignored his assistant, and controversially disallowed a Chesterfield goal.

"Chesterfield were not defensive, unlike Leicester," Robson added, "they went for the game. It was end to end and John Duncan (the Chesterfield manager] must be given credit for that. "But I've looked at the video and

many chances with ten men and their goalkeeper was the man of the match."

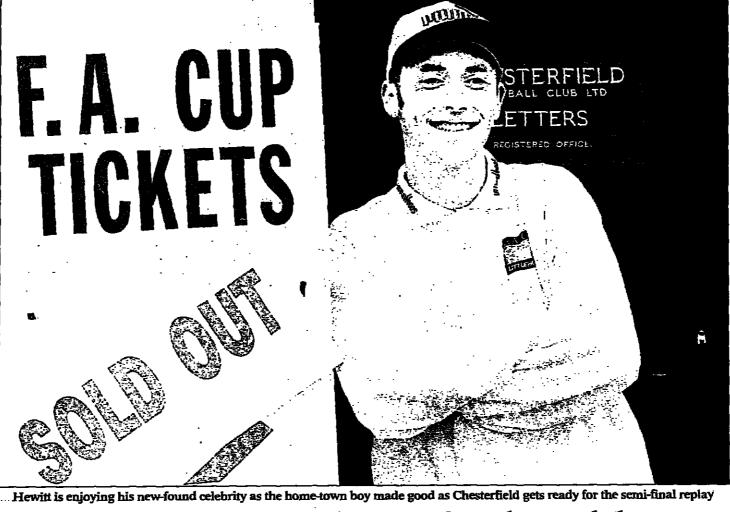
Duncan said: "A lot of people think our chance has gone. We've done a lot of things over the last few years that a lot of people didn't think possible - not just the Cup run."

There is little doubt that Chester field have the neutral vote. Unlike Middlesbrough, they will also be fresh but their fate may depend on whether they can keep Juninho away from the danger areas.

The task is again likely to be given to Mark Jules, who at Old Trafford found the task the toughest of his career. "I've never marked anyone as good as him before," he said. "He had everything - touch, good vision, pace and stamina. He's certainly the best player I've ever

The presence of Juninho and Ravanelli, if he is in the mood. should see Middlesbrough through. but Chesterfield's spirit is such that it is hard to bet against them. The Derbyshire club awaits a test this morning on the thigh injury sustained by Billy Mercer, their goal-keeper, and that as much as anything might determine the

outcome. Middlesbrough are more worried about tired limbs than injuries. Mark Schwarzer is cup-tied, leaving Ben Roberts to hold the fort in goal, and Festa and Fleming are doubtful. but the big guns are all present.



# Chesterfield salutes its local hero

₹or 28 years. Jamie Hewitt ┥ passed unrecognised through the streets of Chesterfield. From the formative days. when his mother pushed him around the market square in a pram, through his childhood and beyond 400 appearances for the football club, Hewitt remained anonymous. Then he happened to score a goal.

To say that life has changed in the nine days since his equaliser in the 119th minute of the FA Cup semi-final against Middlesbrough is an understatement. He has conducted more interviews and posed for more photographs than in the previous 12 years of his career put together. He has been on Football Focus and teamed up with Chris Evans on TFI Friday. In that same market square, people line up to shake his hand.

"Players at our level wonder what it must be like to be Giggs or Fowler, under scrutiny all of the time. I am beginning to get an idea." Hewitt said. "To a certain extent. I am enjoying the experience. If you go into football, you want to be in the limelight because it means you have been successful. but it is strange to think that a single goal can make so much

In other circumstances, Hewitt

Richard Hobson finds Jamie Hewitt relishing

the next stage of his unlikely FA Cup adventure

admits that he would be on the other side of the handshakes. He is the archetypal local boy made good. Les, his father, a part-time player with the club in 1948, took him to Saltergate for the first time as a six-year-old and, when Jamie left the main stand, it was only to join his schoolfriends on the

"I wanted to go to the away games as well, but hooliganism was around at the time and my mum and dad were not very keen." he said. "I Intil I was taken on as a trainee at 16. my happiest memory was watching us beat Glasgow Rangers 3-0 in the Anglo-Scottish Cup semi-final in 1981. Ernie Moss

"It is funny, but Chesterfield have always been pretty near useless in the FA Cup. We used to joke about it back then, every time a Cup game was due; getting to the second round would be an achievement."

Indeed, Chesterfield had not progressed beyond the fifth round until this season, a fact that helps to explain why each success since the victory over Bolton Wanderers at

Burnden Park in the fourth round has been celebrated as joyously as if it were the last. More than 8,000 people were

prepared to sleep rough to buy a ticket for the replay at Hillsborough tonight. The sale was brought forward on police advice and all 18,500 were snapped up within six hours. John Duncan, the manager, said: "To have affected so many people has to be the high-light of the run. This area has had a tough time and people here have to work hard to make ends meet They have not had anything to cheer for a long, long time. That is what should make the players proud.

Just a long throw from Saltergate stands the Derbyshire headquarters of the National Union of Mineworkers. From the outside, there is little sign of life, yet four years on from the final pit closure in the area, officials are still dealing with claims for compensation for illness and injury. The pit near Staveley, where Hewitt's grandfather, Robert, worked either side of the First World War, is now the site of a leisure park.

No side from what used to be the third division has reached the final. York City, in 1955, and Norwich City, four years later, took their semi-final opponents to a replay. Yet Middlesbrough are vulnerable. They have lost twice since the first tie at Old Trafford and are in a desperate plight near the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership, while Chesterfield sit comfortably in the middle of the Nationwide League second division.

Hewitt, pleased that his goal appeared better on television than he realised at the time, said: "We did a lot of chasing at Old Trafford. We were on our knees at the end, but Juninho hardly appeared to breathe during the game. I do not think fitness will be an issue. We will probably play the same way, get our men behind the play and disturb them with long balls.

The draw allowed the blue and white balloons to stay in the shop fronts a little longer. Even the crooked spire of St Mary and All Saints church is playing second fiddle. "It seems as though every article ever written, every bit of film ever made about Chesterfield mentions the spire," Hewitt said. "It has put us on the map and, to be honest, there has not been a lot else here." As Kenneth Wolstenholme might say, there is now.

# Challenge of critics is shrugged aside by Sutton

By Russell Kempson

CHRIS SUTTON, the Blackburn Rovers striker, has refused to apologise for his unsportsmanlike behaviour that led to a late equaliser in the I-I draw against Arsenal at Highbury on Saturday. Tony Parkes, the Blackburn caretaker-manager, who initially labelled Sutton as "silly" and "dizzy", has now defended the player's actions.

With Arsenal leading I-0. Patrick Vieira, the Arsenal midfield player, kicked the ball out of play so that Stephen Hughes, his injured teammate, could receive attention. When the throw-in was eventually taken, Sutton pressured Nigel Winterburn into conceding a corner, from which Blackburn made it 1-1.

Critics pointed out that Sutton should have allowed Winterburn to complete his clearance unchallenged, but he disagreed. "Where do you draw the line with sportsmanship?" he said. "Some players go over the top in tackles and others dive about. I certainly

won't be apologising."

Parkes said: "Winterburn had the chance either to control the ball or roll it back to his goalkeeper. He let the ball run away and Chris saw there was an opportunity. It's quite wrong that all the blame should be laid at our door."

Danny Bergara's job tenure at Rotherham United ended yesterday when he was dimissed by the Nationwide League second division club. which has already been relegated. He joined only eight months ago but was unable to halt the team's decline.

Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager, has strengthened his squad with the signing of Celestine Babayaro from Anderlecht, of Belgium, for £2.25 million. He has signed a five-year contract and will move to Stamford Bridge at the end of the season. Babayaro, 18, a wing back, scored three goals for Nigeria in their gold medal-winning run at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year. Ronny Rosenthal, the Israel

and Tottenham Hotspur striker, is to leave White Hart Lane at the end of the season. "I have enjoyed playing in England but it is probably time to move on. he said.

### FOR THE RECORD

# **ATHLETICS** WALNUT, California: Mt SAC relays meeting (selected results, US unless stated): 100m; 1, M Marsh 9 87sec; 2, T Montgomery 9,98, 3; M Greence 999, 400m; 1, C Genoga; (Nen) 45,07; 2, A Maybank 45,42,3, C Harrison 45,59

AUSTRALIAN RULES

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BADMINTON

REDBRIDGE, Essex: Friends Provident grand slam bournament: Men: Final: P Knowles (Keni) bi O Hall (Essex) 7-15, 17-15, 15-11. Women: Final: K Morgan (Wales) bi J Mann (Warwickshre) 11-3, 11-8

BASEBALL

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# Prodigy takes world stage without batting an eyelid



The prolific skills that Katy inherited from her parents have made her the youngest player competing at the world championships in Manchester

# Parker bounces to prominence

moment, a flicker of anxiety crossed the brow of the little girl with the hazel eyes and the freckles. "Mum, I might be the worst player there," she said. Then, content with her mother's reassurance, she returned to her doodling and her gentle contemplation of what all the fuss was about.

Katy Parker has no idea at all, which is how it should be. When the phone rang, confirming her selection for the world table tennis champion-

news was so earth-shattering that she could not quite remember her reaction. "I thought it meant I was in the ju-niors," she said, the Lancastrian accent surprising-

ly broad. And, when she knew it was the seniors and that, at 12 years and 144 days, she would be the youngest competitor from the 108 nations, almost certainly the youngest in her sport to be selected for the world championships, maybe to play in any world championships, what then? A skipped heartbeat, a joyous leap? "Nothing really." Boyzone breaking up or Steve McManaman getting mar-ried, now that would be a

different matter

School, in Preston, there is a notice-board for the school's internationals. Two junior England rugby players are featured, but not Katy Parker. The school has asked for a photo, but Katy has hardly rushed to cash in on her

"If I have to do it, I will," she said. "But I'd prefer not to. Only one of my friends really knows about my table tennis. I never really tell them." A cool cookie, Miss Parker. Until there is an ships in Manchester, the opponent three yards away and a table tennis

net in between. Then, wide-'Only one of eved innocence is transformed into my friends bobbing 5½-stone bundle knows of energy. It is like about it' switching on the light. One minute.

a reluctant schoolgirl in a hopelessly big tracksuit - the smallest on offer in the England camp -the next, bounce, whack, bounce, whack and woe betide the hapless opponent, which, for a few inglorious moments, happened to be me. Only confusion, innate politeness wrestling with com-

petitive instinct, prevented Katy from exposing my fumbling efforts. Her mother reckoned I would get about three points in a real match, none off her daughter's ser-

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vice. Adult players who had first come across the bouncing nine-year-old playing in the Preston Town League had been similarly humbled.

"Sometimes they made excuses — the light wasn't right or the floor was slippery," she said. Mostly they just marvelled, consoled perhaps by the thought that genetic forces were working against them as

Katy's mother is better known as Jill Hammersley MBE, three times a Commonwealth champion, once a European champion, twice a European finalist. Her father. Don, was an England international and the manager of the England men's team during the Eighties, when they were among the best on offer in Europe. Katy has no real appreciation of her pedigree. "I once took her into the

main hall at the European championships in Birmingham," Parker said. "I told her that her mum had been the best player of the lot once. That made her stop and think for a moment." But the pair have been careful not to ram glory days down their child's throat, nor to heap parental expectations onto such tender shoulders. Hammersley cannot watch her daughter anyway. She feels sick if she does. "I've seen a lot of very

promising 12year-olds pushed too hard, she said. This is an age when you do things for your parents. We want her to do it because she wants to do it."

At school, Katy has played most sports. Last week she tried high jump. That morning she had been up at 8.30 playing termis. Parker said: "Sadly, I think she will have to take the decision quite soon. If she wants to become a top player. she will have to start specialising and thinking about the game a little more. I took her to a tournament recently. She had to play seven matches in a day.

"After the first she wanted

to go and have a good natter

'Mostly, opponents just marvel at her'

 is still a calculated gamble Katy will partner Michael Chan, 13, in the mixed doubles. She thinks they will lose. But what happens thereafter is more important. "I'm not worried that she will be frightened by it. She cope," Hammersley

the car and we talked about

the last match and tried to

prepare for the next. She

couldn't understand what I

was doing."

She still shakes her pretty

brown hair at the indignity of

it. That same tournament she

went to three games in five of

those seven matches and won

them all, so what was the

problem? "She's very good under pressure," Parker add-

ed. "She sticks at it because

she's so determined." A quali-

ty inherited from her mother,

whose defensive style put a

durability.

premium on

Despite the sup-

port, pitching a

pre-teen into the

maelstrom of the

world champion-

ships — which

start on Thursday

"I've said to her: "You're there for experience and to watch the best players in the world." And one thing is for certain. She may be the youngest, but she will not be

charges' prospects of Olympic titles in Sydney 2000.

said. "With James doing swim

clinics, photo shoots, writing

articles, giving interviews and

making appearances -- there's

a lot of pressure there - his

whole programme is being

than other programmes and it

has worked. I don't want

anything to spoil that. I just

don't want to get to 2000 and

With Hickman having giv-

en up a university course to

concentrate on swimming, co-

inciding with the arrival of

Deryk Snelling as Britain's

first national performance di-

rector, Calleja's situation is complicated further by a nat-

ional plan of competition and

In January, Calleja and Hickman flew with other

members of the national team

to Australia. The experience was valuable for coach and swimmer, but Calleja was

caught between the devil and

the deep blue sea; Smith had

stayed at home to study. Smith said: "When Dave

was in Australia, I was run

down and depressed. I was on

the point of calling it a day.

What keeps you there, though, is the gold medal in Sydney."

say 'if only.'

training camps.

We've been better planned

"This is a warning," Calleja

TELEVISION CHOICE

# A conscientious selection

BBC2, 7.10pm

Introduced by Sue Lawley as "a brilliant and controversial neuroscientist", Steven Pinker brings the current series to a close. There will surely be another for the format is every bit as durable as that of its distant cousin, Desert Island Dises. that of its distant cousin, Desert Island Discs. Pinker, a mop-haired young professor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, maintains the standard of the programme for fluent communicators who combine sagarity with passion. While milking the theme of his best-selling book, the ability of children to pick up language, he also enthuses about the bicycle and the camera and mounts a convincing rebuttal of John Stuart Mill's theory that, with only eight notes available, the world will eventually run out of music. He concludes with arguably the biggest wonder of all, the mystery of consciousness.

The Great Owl of the Mountains Channel 4, 8.00pm

The Great Gray Owl of North America is a splendid subject for a wildlife film and the cameraman. Jeff Foott, does not miss a trick. At two feet in height the Great Gray is the largest American owl, and its remarkable hearing and eyesight help to make it a fearsome predator. Foot's film, shot over several months in the woodlands of the Rockies, follows the bird through its cycle of courtship mating and beinging up its its cycle of courtship, mating and bringing up its young. Not bothering to build its own nest, it takes one over from another bird. Some of the best footage is of the male scavenging for food. A favourite snack, which the owl swallows whole, is the gopher. The owlets are expected to leave their nests before they can fly, which means taking a hazardous plunge to ground 60 feet below.

Peak Practice TV. 9.00pm

The medical drama may have lost a bit of its bite recently (perhaps we have missed whingeing Will more than we thought) but it is determined to bow out of the current series in a blaze of incident. For a start there is the tantalising prospect of doctors Andrew (Gary Mavers) and Erica (Saskia Wickham) finally making an item. It is a busy Mayers and Wickham (ITV, 9.00pm)

episode for Erica, for she is also setting out to find her real parents and, as if she had not got enough on her hands, her cottage goes up in flames. Meanwhile the other resident medic (Adrian Lukis) has to cope with the release from hospital of her mentally-ill wife. Add to all this a pilot having a positive in the she and a right thus having a not at Andrew and it really is a case of blink and you miss it. There is no official word about a new series but viewing figures of 11 million-plus would seem to make it a near certainty.

Witness: Appointment With Doctor Death Channel 4, 9.00pm

Joanna Head's film about Dr Jack Kevorkian is a model of how to deal head on with the trickiest subject while preserving scrupulous fairness and balance. Kevorkian is the small, wizened 68-yearold from Michigan who believes that people should able to choose to die and has defied the law by assisting in nearly 50 suicides. Head gives us both sides of the argument. We eavesdrop on Kevorkian's consultations and hear from families grateful that he has helped their loved ones to put an end to years of pain and suffering. But Kevorkian is a controversial figure, hounded by the police and the target of demonstrators who dub him "Doctor Death". Ammunition for his critics is provided by a coroner who says that not all of the people Kevorkian helped to die were suffering from a disease. Peter Waymark

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Spike Jones, The Man Who Murdered Music Sicilian Voices Radio 3, 9.10pm

Radio 2, 9.30pm As Clive James proved with his discovery of the gloriously inept torch singer Margarita Pracatan, there is mileage in the dreadful if it is dreadful enough. But Spike Jones was different, because there was a cleverness to his slaughter of good songs that had one hoping it would soon be over, but on the other hand not yet. The Jones technique, explored here in the droll tones of Humphrey Lyuelton, was to start a rendition of, say, The Blue Danube, with a few faithful bars and then behave as if all the instruments had caught fire tempos would double, horns blare and a curious instrument formed by strings attached to a lavatory seat would contribute. Serious musicians listening should plug in their sense of humour.

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, includes at 1.15pm the Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell, includes the Afternoon Loveleast 4.00 Mark Gooder 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Claire Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warren with the Early Breaklest Show

RADIO 2

6.00km Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Freeman (3/13) 8.00 Nigo Ogden 9.00 Cuincy Jones — The Dude and his Music 9.30 the Man who Murdered Music See Choice 10.30 Flichard Alfanson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Leste

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00mm Morning Reports 6.00 The Breeklast Programme, includes Racing Preview 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe or Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 The Tuesday Match introduced by Simon Mann. Plus news of all the day's other sport 10,00 Brian Hayes's Bection Night 12,00 After Hours with Bibi Baskin 2,00em Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

S.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorreine Kelly 2.00pea Torrmy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Mcz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

The joy of radio is that it has remained a medium

The joy of radio is that it has remained a medium which is at its best when it does uncomplicated things. This series is an example: one person with a tape recorder goes to one place and returns with a word picture. The secret is to send the right person and in this case Joe Farrell has proved to be the man for the job. Tonight he looks at Sicily's links with the Cosa Nostra, not in an attempt at dramatic revelation but merely to show how enderoic the Mafia is in Sicily. The matter of

endernic the Malia is in Sicily. The matter of factness is what impresses: ordinary Sicilians point

out the sites of Mafia executions and buried

corpses as if they were mildly interesting stone circles on Dartmoor. The underlying threat is thus made all the more real.

Peter Barnard

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00mm Newshour 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Anatomy of Addiction 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 My Generation 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 A Cry in the Dark 9.30 Everywoman 10.00 World 8.siness Report 10.15 The Making of Hamiet 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 On Screen 12.30 pre Anatomy of Addiction 1.05 Business Report 1.15 British Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Sport 4.15 Performance 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 British 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 British 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.46 Britain Today 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News in German 6.46 Sport 7.30 One Planet 8.91 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Meganix 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Live 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Meganix 1,30 The Farming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Discovery 3.30 Meridian Live 4.05 Business Report 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00em Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Election '97 1.00em Lunchtime Concerto: Karl Ditters von Dittersdorf (Viola Concerto in F) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic

Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. Tartini (Sonata in G minor, Devil's Triti) 8.00 Evening Concert. Praetorius (Paalms of Devid); Leonard Bernstein (Chichester Psalms); 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30mm Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Ockophern (Missa De plus en plus); Schubert (String Quartet in D); Ravel (Sonatine); Glovanni Gabrielli (Magnificat a 33); Delius (Brigg Fair) Bernstein (Chichester Psalms)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore, Includes Dvorak (The Noonday Witch); Schubert (String Quartet Movement in C minor); Mozart (Plano Concetto in E flat, No29 K271)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines, Includes Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in C); Jean Hure (Cello Sonata in F); Gesualdo (Occhi del mio cor vital; Petrassi (Invenzione Concertata); Beethoven (Plano Sonata in F); Rore (Mentre, Lumi Maggior); Dvořák (Plano quintet in A, Op 81, No2)

12.00 Consposer of the Weels; Rachmantinov, Stephen Hough Introduces a rare recording of Rachmantinov's early works and Peter Donohoe looks at Rachmantinov's own approach to performing

performing

1.00pm il Giardino Armonico. The Italian period
instrument ensemble performs Biber (Sonata a 6
in B flat); Telemann (Trio Sonata in A minor for
recorder, violin and continuo); Vivaldi (Trio Sonata

in D minor)
2.15 Volces, Jain Burnside introduces a programme

2.15 Volces, lain Burnside introduces a programme recorded by the young Canadian bartone Russell Braun, With Roger Vignoles, piano, Fouré (L'Hortzon Chimerique, Op 18); Messenat (Poeme de Souvenir); Ravel (Don Quichotte a Duicinee) (r) 3.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic under Stephen Kovacevich, piano. Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat; Symphony No 39 in E

list) (f)
Spirit of the Age Christopher Page looks at the icalendic Edda, a collection of stories about

giants, dwarves, prophecies and visions. With musical interpretation by Sequentia (r) 5.00 Music Machine, Tommy Pearson talks to freelance musicians who prefer the excitement of the unknown to a permanent job 5.15 in Tune, with Main Nicoteon. Grainger (Green Bushes): Nigel Westlake (Antarctica); Shostatovich (State No 1 for Jazz Band) 7.30 Vienna Old and Mater. Nicota Heavrood Thomas

Bushes; Nigal Westlake (Antarctica);
Shostakovich (Suite No 1 for Jazz Band)

7.30 Vienna Old and New. Nicola Heywood Thomas introduces the last of three concerts given last year at the Point in Cardiff Bay. London Winds under Michael Collins. Strauss (Serenade Op 7);
Schoenberg (Wind Quintet); Gottfried von Einem (Wing Quintet); Mozart (Serenade in E flat)

9.10 Stellian Voicea: The Family. See Choke

9.30 The BBC Orchestras. A concert given at the 1995 international Society of Contemporary Music Festivel in Essen Germany. BBC Symphony Orcestra under Peter Ectros, with Marta Fabian, cimbaiom. Debussy (Jeug); Ectros (Psychokosmos); Henze (Symphony No 7)

10.45 Night Waves. Renaissance scholar Stephan Greenblaft talks to Richard Coles, the general action of the Norion Shakespeare, on the British publication of the works. They discuss how a fuller historical examination of early-modern England can illuminate the best-known plays.

11.30 Composers of the Weels: Forgotten Glants of 18th-Century Opera (r)

12.30am Jazz Notas. Digby Falrweather presents a session by the new band Septplace leaturing Andrew Cleyndert, bass, John Donaldson, plano, Chris Gamick, violin

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeod. Includes Haydr (String Quenter in F. Op5) Mosti-

1.90 Through the Hight, with Donald Madeod. Includes Haydn (String Quartet in F, Op50 No5); Bartok (String Quartet, No5); 5.00am Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 9.00 News 8.05 Election Call, Peter Sissons puts Instrumental Party 10.00 News; Walston Goes Walliabout (PM). Oliver Walston visits St Pierre, the last French outpost in North America (3/5)

North America (3/6)
10.00 Delily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murrary, Miriam Margolyes reads Henry James' The Portrait of a Lady

11.30 All in the Mind. Professor Anthony Clare tries to discover what effect safer cars have on our driving 12.00 Newes; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm Word of Mouth: The Narshing of Parts. Russell Devies explores words and the way we speak, How to name something new, something searst, something sweet-smelling and something oid (4/5) 12.53 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Books and Company. Horticultural thems in the Book of Genesis and modern postry (7/5) (r)

(7/8) (r) Comparing Notes with Brien Kay, in the first of 2.30 Comparing Notes with Brien Key. In the first of a new series, Brian Key talks to the Welsh base-baritone Bryn Terfel, whose rise to international fame has ancompassed the worlds of opera, the concert hall and recorded lieder and songs 3.00 The Atternoon Shift, with Deire Brehan 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads the new novel from the reclusive American author Thomas Pyrichon and joins Harry Ritchia for a lour round the last remnants of the British Empire

4.45 Short Story: Umberto Verdi, Chimney Sweep. by Bernard Med.awarty. A bored housewife sees a crimmey sweep as the answer to all her problems. Read by Susia Kelly
5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe 5.30 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Str O'Clock News.
6.30 No Commitments. Drame with Rosemary Leach and Nicola Pagett. Victoria is convinced that Anna is having a secret affair (6/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on Four Major issues, changing attitudes and important events at home and abroad
8.00 Science New. Alun Lewis presents a review of the week's developments and discoveries in the world of science (r)
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Gillian Rice asks the experts whether monogerny
is a natural form of behaviour (4/4) (f)

9.00 in Touch. Peter White with news, views and
information for the visual impaired

9.30 Katakloscope (r) 9.53 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Histon

10.45 Book at Bedtime: One of Ours, by Wills Cather.
Read by Ian Porter (2/12) (f)

11.00 Mediumwave. The week's events in the media
with Vincent Harna (f)

11.30 A Night with ... George Medy. Melly recalls
performing and pertying and his passion for
intring at night. With music from Cab Calloway
and Mussorgsly and words from Charles Dickens
and Philip Larkin (r)

12.00 News ind 12.27am approx Weather

12.30am The Late Book: High Fidelity, by Nick
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### **TENNIS**

# Courier's tensions surfacing

JIM COURIER was pushed to the limit by a dogged opponent and a swirling wind before winning 6-7, 7-5, 6-4 against Dominik Hrbaty, 19. of Slovakia, in 212 hours in the first round of the Monte Carlo

Open yesterday. "His yelling and screaming reminded me of when I first came onto the tour," Courier said. "It helped motivate me. He didn't allow you to play safe and I'm just glad I've got through this first match after coming here from hard courts.

Courier, the No 13 seed double-faulted three times on match point to lose the eighth game of the third set, but then won the tenth game, for the match, to love. Apart from his opening service game, it was the only other time he won a game to love. His next oppo-nent will be Mark Phil-ippoussis, of Australia, or

Herman Gumy, of Australia. Sergi Bruguera, like Courier a former French Open champion, showed unaccustomed confidence at the net to beat Javier Sanchez, a fellow Spainiard, 6-4, 6-1. "I'm much fitter this year and have had some good hard-court results to give me confidence," he

He faces a possible thirdround encounter with Thomas Muster, the world No 2 from Austria, who has won this tournament for the past two years and has a 12-3 record against Bruguera. Muster had a first-round bye and will play either Francisco Roig, of Spain, or Fabrice Santoro, of France, in the second round.

# Calleja appeals

FROM CRAIG LORD IN GOTHENBURG

THE celebrations will be short-lived for a world title and bronze medal for two of Dave Calleja's swimmers at the world short-course championships over the weekend the coach is issuing an ultima-

tum: do it my way, or allow distractions to drive the most successful sports triangle in British swimming to divorce.

It is not that the Stockport coach is a killiov, but, as he left the Scandinavium here scene of triumph for James



champion over 200 metres butterfly, and Graeme Smith, who added a bronze medal over 1,500 metres freestyle to the more valuable Olympic bronze in Atlanta last year -Calleja uttered a Garboesque We just want to be alone".

# for calm waters

Hickman: writing articles

Hickman, world short-course

Having nurtured Smith and Hickman from boys into 21year-olds who make a big noise in world swimming. Calleja says that it is now critical to issue a warning to the "circus of interested par-Results, page 53 | ties" who are damaging his

**SWIMMING** 

The experience perturbed Calleja, who now wants a period of stability at the Olympic pool, at Stockport, where attendants are sent off poolside when Hickman and Smith train because, Calleja says, "no one expects a company director to be working in his office while the hoovering's

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# The budget is big, but it's not unlimited

the trouble with big, cinematic production values in television drama is that the viewer gets complacent, and forgets there's any sort of budgetary limit at all :

"What aren't we having a music hall scene? I pouted last night. The 1890s hospital drama Bramwell (ITV) had returned, you see, with fabulous music, great editing and lighting, picturesque East End realism, and loads of fustian extras. One's joy was understandably complete. So when David Calder (Robert Bramwell) announced an outing to the Music Hall, one greedily expected to see 400 Sunday-best pearly kings and queens in the audience, all singing along to a woman in a big hat in a mockedup Hackney Empire. But strangely, no. Not a whiff of greasepaint. Even more disappointing was the last scene - Jemma Redgrave (Eleanor) waving to her boyfriend

this? No train? Well, I ask you. "What do you want, blood?"

Carlton could legitimately yell in the circumstances, and they would be right. Bramwell is the jewel in the crown; a good meaty costume drama (Lucy Gannon behind it, as usual) with scope for matters of life and death, love and loyalty, as well as regular speeches of more than five words. Kicking off the third series, last night's episode concerned casualties from the local brewery: a man and a boy had fallen into the mesher, and were horribly burnt. Upright Eleanor abominated the brewery and refused an offered hand-out ("I find it hard to see how medicine and alcohol can ever be compatible"). Her pragmatic Dad, on the other hand, paid court to the brewery's pretty owner - a rich widow with a twinkle.

on a bustling, steamy, whistly presence, and as a character, station platform. And what was Eleanor is a real heroine — strong vet vuinerable, controlled yet fiery, clever, principled, brave. Last night she saved a couple of lives, made the questionable decision to sleep with her boyfriend, stayed up all night sweeping in a heatwave, defied Mrs Costigan proudly in full paragraphs, battled through rain and umbrellas to the station, and superhumanly forgave the hoyfriend before his departure for France. What a girl. She lives in the world of Jack the Ripper, but she's not scared of anybody.

7 hen it boils down to it, the appeal of most popular telly is the depiction of fearlessness. We can watch other people be bold on our behalf - whether it's Anne Robinson on Watchdog or Eleanor in Bramwell. Between trips to the back door (Is it locked? Have I already Jemma Redgrave has terrific checked it?), we can feel our sinews REVIEW



Lynne Truss

stiffened by someone else's resolve. Mrs Bernice Cohen is an unlikeheroine, but heroine she is. Channel 4's Mrs Cohen's Money sees this formidably smart little woman marching right up to the financial institutions and jabbing them in the soft underbelly with the point of an umbrella. Last night, she challenged the world of insurance, and explained how insurance companies first scare

you into taking "critical illness" and "permanent health" policies and then don't honour them afterwards, it was a one-sided view, but a refreshing one. With the decline of the welfare state, she argued, people will increasingly rely on insurance companies to look after them in times of difficulty. As the biggest financial sector after banks, are they "morally ready" to do that?

The answer, of course, is no. They are just very good at finding chinks in our confidence, and reminding us of mortality. A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers defended the scare tactics of advertising - and he's right, it's true that people generally refuse to anticipate problems. But it's the oldest con trick in the world to sell according to the client's need ("Bad feet?" "Going bald?"). regardless of whether the quack product is the appropriate remedy. The doubly clever thing about insurance is

that if you argue against it, you ger caught up in a mad circular world which takes even more of your money. "Worried your insurance won't pay out? Don't lose sleep! Insure against it!"

Talking of people who don't anticipate problems. The Entertainers (Channel 4) has had to be pretty tactful in its first two episodes. This cheap documentary series, set in the North East, inhabits the grim, tacky world of the social clubs, and in particular the singers employed by Beverley Artistes. Which problem might have been anticipated? Well, that 14-year-old Darren, of the disco-beat group Groove Club, is ton young to sing all the gigs. Wasn't that obvious? Apparently not. Darren's harmony parts are now taken by an older boy called Neil. It's tough out there in showbiz. What is fascinating about The Entertainers is to see how smalltime success eats up people's lives just as much as big-time. Big-time is relative, in any case. Barry Solomon, we are informed, is a successful singer "on television, in summer seasons and in cabaret all over the world". So, he's damned successful, obviously. But when Barry says he's never at home, and that he's always too busy to attend funerals or weddings, it cruelly illustrates the way a career gets out of hand. If you're Tom Jones, such sacrifices are awful enough: but if you're not Tom Jones, they're tra-

Meanwhile, the ambitious teenager Tara Lee took her first. untrained steps into the limelight at Cherton Social Club in Newcastle. "Did it sound crap?" she coyly asked the agency man afterwards, doubtless hoping for a spluttering "Of course not!" But he thought about it. "Nowhere near," he said, unconvincingly. "No-

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6.00am Business Breakfast (28377) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (70448648) 9.05 Election Call Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party, answers viewers questions (9147919)

10.00 Style Challenge (52993) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (68735) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4327483) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (1) (9860174) 11.35 Snooker: World Championship

Dougle Donnelly presents the crucial action as Alan McManus concludes his first-round match with fellow Scot Billy Snaddon; Nigel Bond begins his campaign against 22-year-old Stephen Lee from Trowbridge (3039358) 12.35pm Good Living (9477551)

1.00 News (T) and weather (19532) 1.30 Regional News (50014735) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (14739241) 2.10 Snooker: World Championship John

... Parrott concludes his match with Bradley Jones, the lowest ranked player to qualify for the Crucible this year. Plus: Alain Robidoux takes on Brian Morgan (4272483) 3.30 Mouse and Mole (9314342) 3.35

Playdays (r) (6781532) 3.55 Arthur (6792648) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (r) (T) (5895700) 4.35 Pirates (T) (7104551) 5:00 Newsround (T) (5782700) 5:10 Trackindown (T) (6885241) 5.35 Neighbours (7) (1) (694071)

6.00 News (T) and weather (209) 6,30 Regional News (T) (685464) 6.55 Election Broadcast: Liberal Democrats (653025)

7.00 Martin Clunes' Holiday Uncensored version of the comic actor's two-part four of America's best-loved logations - San-Francisco and the Hawaian island of . Maus (6754)

7.30 EastEnders Pauline and Nigel become concerned for the w a friend (T) (445)

8.00 Children's Hospital The staff treat a young boy who trapped the top of his tinger in a door and a toddlar who somehow got part of a toy telephone stuck up ner nose (T) (2174)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Gary tries to keep his head as Yvonne takes the plunge and changes her career and Phoebe makes plans for their forthcoming marriage (T) (1209)

9.00 News (F) and weather (643551) 9.50 Election Broadcast: Conservative (I) (595803)

10.00 Sportsnight Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of the FA Cup semi-final replay between Chesterfield and Middlesbrough at Hillsborough (993754) 10.50 The Dirty Dozen (1967) starring Lee

Marvin, Second World War drama about a group of death row prisoners who are signed up for a suicide mission. Directed by Robert Aldrich (90318613)

1.10am The Cheap Detective (1978, b/w)
starring Peter Falk. A spoof thriller written
by Neil Simon anmod directed by Robert 2.40 Weather (6854205)

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### BBC2

6.00am Open University: Cine Cinephiles (2024261) 6.25 Classical Sculpture and the Enlightenment (2043396) 6.50 Handel's Messiah (9776993)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (8828174) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (4919629) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (5404803) 8.20 Juniper Jungle (r) 322) 8.35 The Reccoons (r) (9622261)

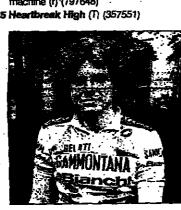
9.00 Daytime on Two: Study Ireland (60193) 9.30 Believe It or Not (2917025) 9.45 Watch (2905280) 10.00 Teletublies (52975) 10.30 Come Outside (2121087) 10.45 Science Zone (5086483) 11.05 Space Ark (4315648) 11.15 Go for Itl (7718483) 11.30 The Animated are: The Tempest (2396) 12.00 See Hearl (r) (57629)

12.30pm Working Lunch (14241) 1.00 Teaching Today (17174) 1.30 Testament The Bible in Animation (64782) 2.00 Juniper Jungle (r) (42768071)

2.10 The Village (64715777) 2.35 My Village (7524377) 2.40 The Beauty Spot (5306716) 3.00 News (7398648) 3.05 Campaign Roadshow (T) (9528483) 3.55 News; regional news and weather (6409532)

4.00 Snooker: World Championship John Parrott v Bradley Jones and Alain Robidoux v Brian Morgan (3803) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (1/2) Will is shot by robbers on his way to a cash

machine (r) (797648) 6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (357551)



Professor Steven Pinker (7.10pm)

7.10 Seven Wonders of the World in the last of the series the neuroscientist Professor Steven Pinker makes his personal selection (T) 7.40 Snooker: World Championship John Higgins v Graham Horne. Plus: the

conclusion of Nigel Bond v Stephen Lee 9.30 Food and Drink Nick Naim and Janie Lloyd-Owen help a 100-year-old prepare her birthday celebration (T) (2551)

9.00 Murder One Sharon Rooney is called to the dock and a key witness in the Van Altan case vanishes (T) (2532) 10.30 Election Broadcast: Conse

Party (1) (791648) 10.35 Newsnight (1) (596990) 11.30 Election Broadcast (814483)

11.35 Snocker: World Championship Latenight round-up (712261) 12.25em Weather (3934507) 12.30 Open University: The Learning Zone Producing electricity (73385) 1.30
Hidden Power (77014) 2.00 A study of Brazil (11526) 4.00 Using IT in GNVQ (20781) 4.30 The production of

Goldeneye (42830) 5.00 Inside Europe (28762) 5.30 Film Production (95859)

HTV 6.00am GMTV (6325396) 9.25 Chain Letters (3264919) 9.55 Regional News (T) (2386006) 10.00 The Time, the Place (98551) 10.30 This Morning (61746667)

12.20pm Regional News (4008754) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9470648) 12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (79089445) 12.55 Shortland Street (9488667) 1.25 Home and Away (64777342) 1.50 Afternoon Live (66630272) 2.20 Vanessa (50210367) 2.50 Afternoon Live

3.20 News (1) (7305938) 3.25 Regional News

3.30 Potamus Park (r) (6841919) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (9492174) 3.50 Bimble's Bucket (T) (9498358) 4.00 Scooby Doo (r) (5973532) 4.15 Hey Amold! (T) (8866990) 4.40 Are You Alraid of the Dark? (8919990) 5.10 The House Following the transformation

of a deretict Victorian house into a home for the 21st century (1237919) 5.40 News (T) and weather (940377) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (784174) 6.25 HTV Weather (693483)

6.30 The West Tonight (670532) 6.55 Election Broadcast: Conservative (1) (648193)7.00 Emmerdale The Windsors embark on a desperate search for Kelly (T) (1822) 7.30 Family Circles: Kageha's Story the camera tollow Kageha Marshall as she is

reunited with her family in Africa after 30

years apart (613) 8.00 The Bill A married man discovers that meeting a girl from a lonely hearts advert has unexpected results (1) (4342)



Gordon-Sincizir, McDowell (8.30pm)

8,30 Loved by You Kate and Michael reminisce about how they met. With John Gordon-Sinclair and Trevyn McDowell. Last in series (T) (6377)

9.00 CRUCE Peak Practice David treats a stubborn pilot Will a fire at Eric's cottage ignite the flames of passion elween her and Andrew? Last in series /m (2071)

10.00 News (T) and weather (72984) 10.30 Regional News (T) (339342) 10.40 The Super (1991) with Joe Pesci and Vincent Gardenia. The landlord of a slum development is forced to experience life from his tenants' point of view. Directed by Rod Deniel (\$9039716) 12.20am Dating the Enemy (4016205)

1.25 Stand and Deliver (8752728) 2.25 The Chart Show (r) (5751897) 3.25 Coach (r) (46000236) 3.50 Football Extra (r) (5362830)

4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (46656) 5.00 Heirloom (r) (22588) 5.30 News (82385) SATER THE AND CABLE

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6.25 Central News (795700) 6.50-6.55 Lifeline (649822) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (613) 10.40 Film: The Super (79815071)

12.25am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (3041897) 12.50 Film: Night on the Town (824149) 2.40 in Focus (6432439)

3.25 Football Extra (2054656) 4.10 Central Jobfinder '97 (1506946) 5.20 Asian Eye (2010859)

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10.30 Anglia News and Weather (427551) 10.45 Generation X (864803) 11.35 Midweek Kick-Off! (981464)

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### CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (11087) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (32483)

9.00 Sewitched (r) (T) (55261) 9.30 The Teckman Mystery (1954, b/w)
starring John Justin and Margaret
Leighton A thriller about a man writing
the biography of a dead pilot. Directed by

Wendy Toye (45784025) 11,10 Australia Wild Animal life in Oz (4309445) 11.35 Extreme (r) (f) (3976025) 12.30pm Light Lunch (98193) 1.30 Islanders A 1939 GPO documentary (22358984)

1.50 Watch Your Stern (1960, b/w) A nautical comedy with Kenneth Connor, Noel Purcell and Leslie Phillips . Directed by Gerald Thomas (T) (42597648)

3,30 Collectors' Lot. Gerry Anderson on Lady Penelope and Parker from Thunderbirds (T) (735) 4.00 Filteen-To-One (T) (342) 4.30 Countdown (T) (754) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (6700) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (826) 6,00 Friends: The One with the Dozen Lasagnas Phoebe has some bad news for Rachel about her Italian boylriend (r) (1) (782716)

**8.25 Ant and Dec Unzipped** with guests Eddie Izard, Jo Brand, Simon Gregson and Jayne Middlemass (790735)

6.55 Fresh Pop (646735) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (153731)

7.55 Thatcher's Children (1) (409071) 8.00 The Great Owl of the Mountains The life cycle of the American Great Gray Owl (1) (2984) 8.30 Brookside Susannah is overcome with

grief, while, Mick may have the answer to his financial problems (T) (4919)



9.00 Witness: Appointment with Doctor Death A look at the work of the American Dr Jack Kevorkian Last in series (T) (2223) 10.00 Election Broadcast: Conser

(557803) 10.05 Blood Oath (1990) with Bryan Brown, A fact-based drama about an Australian army lawyer trying to bring Japanese war criminals to justice Directed by Stephen Wallace (T) (13482613)

 12.10am Midnight Special Political discussion series (9168217) 1.40 Buildog Jack (1934, b/w) with Jack Hulbert, Ralph Richardson and Fay Whay. A vintage comedy thriller from the Buildog

Drummond senes, Directed by Walte Forda (7947168) 3,00 The Oracle (1952, b/w). A comedy with Michael Medwin as a reporter who dis-covers an oracle that predicts the future at the bottom of a well. Directed by Pennington Richards (63656)

4,30 Riders of the Dawn Spanish drama serial (r) (3368052) 5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (5890781)

### CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News Early (7557716) 7.30 Havakazoo (2677174) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol

8,30 WideWorld: Heaven's Delight . A study of the link between art and religion in 14th-century Italy. Focusing on the Palazzo Publico, seat of the government of Siena during the 1500's (2294174)

9,00 Espresso (5294025) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6502174) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (T) (2214938) 11.00 Leeza Chat show (9434822) 11.50 Double Espresso (45008667)

12.00 The Boid and the Beautiful (T) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9189006) 1.00 5 News Update (92039342) 1.05 Sunset Beach (6204716)

2.00 5's Company (7358311) 3.30 Baby of the Bride (1991) with Rue
McClanahan and Ted Shackellord A
comedy about a woman and her young
husband discovering she is pregnant at
the same time as their daughter. Directed by Bill Bixby (4182445)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14975071) 5.25 Election Broadcast: Liberal Party 5.30 100 Per Cent Game show (1151209)



Cordella Bugeja (6.30pm)

6.30 Family Affairs Melanie is bored with living at home and suggests sharing a flat with Duncan. With Cordelia Bugeja (T) (1132174)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz news (1059358) 7.30 Waterland A study of the raingoose which inhabits the lochs of the Scottish Highlands and Islands (7266984) 7.55 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party (T) (5617919)

8.00 Fame and Fortuna Following designer John Rocha as he prepares to show his 1997 collection (1068006) 8,30 5 News (1974613) 9.00 Lone Wolf McQuade (1983) with Chuck

Nortis, David Carradine and Barbara Carrera. Action adventure about a maverick Texas Ranger with karate skills. Directed by Steve Carver (32779025) 10.50 Exclusive Extra (5886342) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show The guest is

the former EastEnder turned singer Michelle Gayle (9341777) 11.40 The Comedy Store Jo Brand, Julian Clary and Mark Thomas recall their early days as stand-up comedians (2349280) 12.10am Live and Dangerous Including IndyCar and a molorsport round-up

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6291781) 5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (5179762)

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6,00cm The Little Shephert of Kingdom Come (1961) (2594) 8.00 Flight of the Doves (1971) (40939) 10.00 The Little Raccale (1994) (35919) 12.00 Cold Turkey (1971) (43053) 1.65pm Months (1971) (675025) 5.30 The Little Rescale (1994) (62505) 7.00 The Brady Bursch Moote (1995) (7067) 9.00 Besterly Hills Cop (1995) (7067) 9.00 Besterly Hills Cop (1995) (1895) (14895) Descrip Hills Cop (1995) (1/404) (1/405) (1/48193) Beyond Rampoon (1995) (1/48193) (1/48193) 12.40am James Clayelf & Tai-Part (1995) (7/297101) 2.45 Robin Cook's Formula for Death (1995) (962156) 4.15 The Little

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# England reject struggling James



Hoddle: unimpressed with Anfield display

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH football's latest high-profile version of Crime and Punishment unfolded at Lancaster Gate yesterday when Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, cranked up another turn on the rack on which the tortured Liverpool goalkeeper, David James, is stretched out by omitting him from the squad for the World Cup qualifying match against

Georgia on April 30. James, who played so brilliantly in the opening eight months of the season and was instrumental in Liverpool's FA Carling Premiership chall-enge to the hegemony of Man-chester United, has endured a wretched few weeks of errorstrewn matches that have contributed to his team's gradual slide out of contention. On Saturday morning, at

Anfield, he handed United the game - and probably the title by misjudging a hopeful cross that Andy Cole nodded in for the crucial third goal in a 3-1 win. Yet still there were those, his manager, Roy Evans, included, who thought Hoddle should keep faith with the man he made his firstchoice goalkeeper for last month's friendly against Mexico, if only to try to salvage some of his leaking confi-Instead, Hoddle, who has

proved himself a compassionate manager in the past with his care for the errant Paul Gascoigne and his faith this time in Graeme Le Saux, even though the Blackburn Rovers defender appears to have fallen out with his club, showed the ruthless side of his character by leaving out James.

Part of the reason is that David Seaman has returned

from the injury that kept him out of both the World Cup qualifying match against Italy in February and the game against Mexico a month later. However, James has slipped from first-choice goalkeeper less than a month ago to at least fifth now, behind Seaman, Tim Flowers, Ian Walk-er and Nigel Martyn. It is a

dizzying descent. Hoddle said that he had been to see James play on Saturday because he had been concerned about his form. He had hoped to see evidence that James was recovering from his indifferent spell, but he witnessed a goalkeeper uncertain in himself and exposed by a defence that compounded his simple errors.

"It has been a difficult decision for me to make," Hoddle said at a hotel near the Football Association headquarters yesterday afternoon. SQUAD

"One of the reasons I went up there on Saturday was to have a look at his situation. He did not have a particularly good game and he made some mistakes. It was a difficult one, but I have left him out.

be there as No 2" The fact is that the form of the other goalkeepers in the squad is ahead of David James's and it would have been difficult to justify keeping

time, of course, for the kind of mass withdrawals because of injury that blighted the Mexico game, but the England coach has been able to recall three lynchpins to his squad. Seaman, Tony Adams and

Alan Shearer, who will reas-

sume the captaincy, have all

recovered from injury and five form has dipped. others who were forced to pull -I have spoken to him and. out of the Mexico game obviously, he is disappointed, but this is not a door that has Walker, Gary Pallister, David Beckham, Sol Campbell and been shut. He has the Gary Neville - are also back in the squad. There was a opportunity to get back in in the future. Now he has to get special logic in picking Le Saux too, even though he was his club form back to where it was. That will be his first port left out by Blackburn at Arsenal on Saturday. "At least of call. David Seaman, if he maintains his form and his I knew he wouldn't get injured. Hoddle said. fitness, will be the No I. I have got to work out who is going to

jump to is that, suddenly.

because David James played

in the friendly, they assume he

will be the No 2 goalkeeper to

David Seaman, but that is not

what the friendly was about. It

was an opportunity to experi-

ment and, since that game, his

Hoddle has retained Robert Lee, the one outstanding suc-James, at least, is a different cess of last month's friendly. kind of casualty to the ones but hinted that he was unlike-Hoddle has grown accusly to risk him in the unaccustomed to in his short time in tomed position of wing back in charge of England. There is

which he played against Mexi-co. rather than his more orthodox right-midfield slot. He said that he was likely to change his formation for the match against Georgia, one that England have to win to retain a realistic chance of challenging Italy for the leadership of group two.

Gascoigne Matthew Le Tissier and Darren Anderton are notable absentees, but Hoddle countered the injured trio's loss with praise for the Manchester United players who coped so efficiently with Liverpool on Saturday and are maturing with every European Cup game they play. Beckham. Nicky Butt and Gary and Phil Neville were all mentioned in dispatches, as was Paul Scholes, even though he is not in the squad. They have got so much talent." Hoddle said. "and thankfully it is all English."

Record break seals rehabilitation

# O'Sullivan fires maximum with minimum of fuss

By PHIL YATES

man in disgrace at The Crucible Theatre 12 months ago, savoured a standing ovation there yesterday after constructing the swiftest 147 maximum break in the history of snooker during a 10-6 firstround victory over Mick Price at the Embassy world championship.

pot 15 reds. 15 blacks and the six colours. O Sullivan erased the previous record, of 7min 09sec, established by James Wattana, of Thailand, against Tony Drago at the 1992 British

Deftly manoeuvering the cue ball around the table with an assurance generated by unshakeable self-confidence,

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN, a O'Sullivan's total clearance was positionally perfect. It was the fourth maximum compiled in the 70-year history of the sport's premier event — Cliff Thorburn scored the first in 1983, Jimmy White followed suit in 1992 and Stephen Hendry joined the club two years ago -- and only the twentieth in all profession-

> Assuming that no one else posts a 147 over the next 14 days, O'Sullivan will collect a £147,000 sponsor's bonus and the £18,000 award for the highest break. That amounts to £515.62 for every second he spent at the table.

> "My head was shaking and couldn't keep still on the colours, but I knew if I

> > TWO

hesitated it would interrupt my rhythm and I might make a mistake," O'Sullivan said. "It was a tremendous buzz out there; a feeling that's impossi-

ble to put into words." Normally when compiling a 147 there are a handful of pivotal shots that bind the break together. On this occasion, O'Sullivan's ball control was so precise that he never faced a difficult pot.

After sinking the opening red from distance, O'Sullivan quickly transformed what had originally appeared little more than a half-chance. If a single shot could be pinpointed as the highlight, it was the fifteenth black. O'Sullivan. with pressure mounting, stunned it unhesitatingly into a top pocket and, with the help of two cushions, placed

the white neatly in line for the While it was the first time that O'Sullivan had registered a 147 in a professional tournament, he is already in the record books as the youngest player to score one. That came in the early stages of the 1991 English amateur champion-

ship, only three months after

he had celebrated his fifteenth

O'Sullivan's latest effort came a year after he had been fortunate to avoid being expelled from the event for a physical assault on an official. which resulted in the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, the game's governing body, fining him £20,000.



Right on cue: O'Sullivan accepts the noisy acclaim of the audience at the Crucible after his record-breaking high-speed 147 yesterday

O'Sullivan reached his psychological nadir last summer when he spent a week living in an hotel after his mother threw him out of the family home in Chigwell. "I was a fat slob and I knew then I had to sort myself out. I went on the razzle for a while then

crept back with my tail between my legs," he said. "I'm 21. I'm a man now and I don't want to waste my gift." His behaviour this season, apart from a display of petulance when he lost 5-1 to Chris Small

the defending champion. Earlier, Steve Davis at the European Open last month, has been exemplary.

147s IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cliff Thorb Jimmy White Stephen Hendry Ronnie O'Sulliva

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president, Josep Lluis Núñez,

his two-year contract and de

manager had held any meet-

ings with representatives of

Everton, who are thought to

want him as a replacement for

Sitges, just south of the city.

though, Robson said that

news of the two new appoint-

ments, one of which is likely to

be the Ajax coach, Louis van

Gaal, had taken him by sur-

prise as he tried to concentrate

on the second leg of Barcelo-

na's Cup Winners' Cup semi-

final with Fiorentina in Italy

on Thursday.
"I am still in the middle of

trying to win the champion-

ship," Robson said. "We are in

Joe Royle. Speaking from his home in

stadium next season.

He will now play Darren Morgan in the last 16 and. should the seedings go to plan. he will supply the quarter-final opposition for Hendry.

launched his attempt to capture a seventh world title by building a 6-2 lead over David McLellan. Showing none of O'Sullivan's fluency. he instead exploited his Scottish rival's inexperience to seize

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### Williams ready for Robson deliberates supporting role as Everton wait

By Russell Kempson

ON SATURDAY, Darren Williams, 19, was acclaimed a hero. He scored the goal for Sunderland in their vital 1-0 away win against Middles-brough, which greatly en-hanced their chances of avoiding relegation. Tonight, he is likely to be dropped to the substitutes' bench when Sunderland take on Southampton at Roker Park. Such is the fickleness of life in the FA

Carling Premiership. Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, gave little away about his team selection yes-terday. With Southampton in a similarly precarious position near the foot of the Premiership, he preferred to keep his own counsel. He was loathe, however, to fall into the trap of saying this one game could decide Sunderland's fate.

"It's another big game against Southampton, all of them are at the moment, but a win won't necessarily make us safe," he said. "Nothing will be decided on the one match and we've just got to keep plugging away. I won't say we're safe until it's mathemati-

cally certain." Matthew Le Tissier missed

Southampton's edgy 2-2 draw with Coventry City on Satur-day and is unlikely to reappear at Roker Park. There is a chance he could come back as his hamstring injury is not as bad as was first feared. Graeme Souness, the Southampton manager, said, "but we must be careful not to rush him too soon."

Souness is likely to keep Le Tissier in reserve for their closing games of the season, against Blackburn Rovers and Aston Villa, with Michael Evans, who has scored four goals in as many games, and Egil Ostenstad resuming their partnership in attack. Sheffield Wednesday and

Aston Villa continue their quest for a Uefa Cup place, with Wednesday travelling to Blackburn Rovers and Villa going to Leeds United. Gareth Southgate, the Villa central defender, will have a late fitness test after retiring early from the 1-1 draw against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday as a result of a clash of heads with Dean Austin, the Tottenham defender.

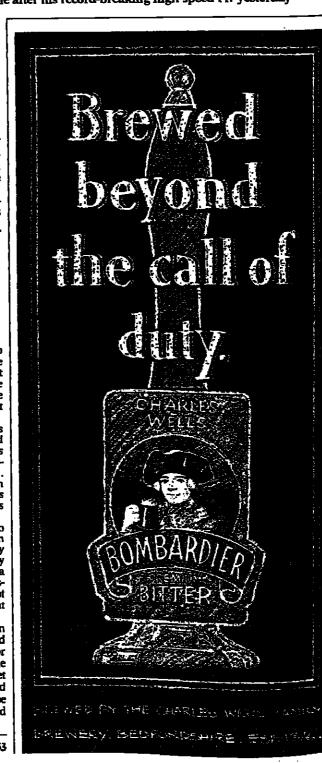
BY OLIVER HOLT, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT BOBBY ROBSON, the Barcethe final of the Spanish Cup and I am focusing on the game the first time last night that he with Fiorentina and then, out of the blue this weekend, the was considering his future president has said they are with the Spanish club after its going to bring in not one but

said he was to bring in two two new coaches. "One of them, apparently, is to look at the youth policy and new coaches at the Nou Camp that is something that needs Núñez said over the weekaddressing. The other is to coend that there was no reason why the club's new acquisi-tions should lead to Robson's ordinate overseas signings ... in the light of the Bosman departure halfway through judgment. One more fellow is in charge of the team, which is nied that the former England what I do at the moment.

We are all subject to change and nothing is set in stone in football but obviously I have got to clarify my position here in Barcelona before I start thinking seriously about other clubs. I do not want to make any comment about Everton."

However, Clifford Finch, an Everton director confirmed that Robson is on their list for the managerial vacancy. "The chairman [Peter Johnson] met with Bobby on Sunday and they had talks. But it would be wrong to say what they talked about," he said.

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